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## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDICATORS

In the Contents page numbers of series containing seasonally adjusted indicators are marked with asterisks.

Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely: 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, e.g. Easter and Australia Day.

Most of the original and all of the seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

## POPULATION AND VITAL

POPULATION (a)  
('000 persons)

As at 30 June	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1973	4,793.4	3,628.4	1,987.3	1,217.9	1,089.8	395.7	99.7	168.1	13,380.4
1974	4,839.4	3,676.8	2,046.1	1,236.2	1,117.4	399.3	104.4	179.6	13,599.1
1975	4,884.5	3,719.1	2,084.0	1,252.1	1,146.7	404.7	(b) 89.4	190.9	13,771.4
1976 (c)	4,914.3	3,746.0	2,111.7	1,261.6	1,169.8	407.4	101.4	204.3	13,915.5
1977	4,956.7	3,782.3	2,136.8	1,276.8	1,197.1	410.6	105.5	208.2	14,074.1
1978	5,011.8	3,818.4	2,166.7	1,287.6	1,222.3	413.7	112.5	215.6	14,248.6

(a) Revised. See NOTE at the bottom of this page. (b) Decrease due to the effect of cyclone "Tracy" on Darwin population. (c) Census result adjusted for underenumeration.

MEAN POPULATION (a)  
('000 persons)

Calendar Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1972	4,747.4	3,577.3	1,933.4	1,202.2	1,070.7	392.4	96.4	157.4	13,177.2
1973	4,793.3	3,627.4	1,988.9	1,218.3	1,090.6	395.8	99.8	168.2	13,382.3
1974	4,841.3	3,676.5	2,044.0	1,235.6	1,117.7	399.6	104.6	178.9	13,598.2
1975	4,885.3	3,718.6	2,084.7	1,252.8	1,146.9	404.5	90.3	191.0	13,774.1
1976	4,913.9	3,747.5	2,110.7	1,261.9	1,170.3	407.5	101.7	203.2	13,916.8
1977	4,956.6	3,782.0	2,137.0	1,276.7	1,197.0	410.6	106.4	208.8	14,075.1
<i>Financial year</i>									
1972-73	4,771.4	3,603.4	1,961.2	1,210.0	1,080.4	394.0	98.1	162.9	13,281.2
1973-74	4,816.4	3,651.4	2,017.3	1,226.7	1,103.4	397.3	102.1	173.6	13,488.2
1974-75	4,865.9	3,700.3	2,066.3	1,245.1	1,133.1	402.1	98.5	184.4	13,695.7
1975-76	4,898.2	3,732.6	2,098.6	1,256.5	1,158.2	406.2	97.8	198.3	13,846.2
1976-77	4,933.5	3,764.4	2,122.8	1,268.8	1,183.3	409.1	103.8	206.1	13,991.8
1977-78	4,981.4	3,799.8	2,152.8	1,283.3	1,210.5	412.1	109.5	212.0	14,161.4

(a) See NOTE below. For the method of calculation see *Population and Vital Statistics* (3212.0) June quarter 1977.

## VITAL AND POPULATION STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA

VITAL AND POPULATION STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA							
Period	Marriage registrations	Birth registrations	Death registrations	Components of population growth			Population at end of period ( '000)
				Natural increase (a)	Net migration (b)	Total increase (c) ( '000)	
Year ended - 30 June							
1976	103,919	231,135	110,610	120,525	21,231	144.1	(d) 13,915.5
1977	111,690	226,954	111,490	115,464	43,138	158.6	14,074.1
1978	102,241	226,364	108,057	118,307	56,137	174.4	14,248.6
1976-77							
June qtr	26,861	57,638	26,504	31,134	6,924	38.1	14,074.1
1977-78							
Sept. qtr	20,372	58,075	31,118	26,957	12,459	39.4	14,113.5
Dec. qtr	27,771	53,566	25,813	27,753	22,228	50.0	14,163.5
Mar. qtr	27,935	54,960	23,944	31,015	13,788	44.8	14,208.3
June qtr	26,163	59,763	27,182	32,581	7,662	40.2	14,248.6
1978-79							
Sept. qtr p	21,004	56,525	30,898	25,627	12,827	38.5	14,287.0

(a) Excess of births registered over deaths registered. (b) Excess of recorded overseas arrivals over recorded overseas departures, excluding short term (less than one year) movement. Minus sign (-) denotes an excess of departures over arrivals. (c) Increase consists of natural increase, net migration and adjustment in the light of Census results. (d) Census result adjusted for underenumeration.

NOTE: Population estimates shown above for dates prior to 30 June 1976 incorporate revisions following the completion of an examination of evidence for underenumeration in the 1971 and 1976 Censuses. An explanation of the basis for these revised estimates is given in *Population and Vital Statistics* (3212.0) for the June quarter 1977.

## OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

## ARRIVALS

## Short-term movement

Foreign  
citizens  
arrivals  
net  
departures

Period	Permanent movement		Long-term movement		Overseas visitors arriving		Total arrivals		Arrivals over departures	
	Settlers arriving	Australian residents returning	Overseas visitors arriving	Australian residents returning	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	Permanent and long-term	Total
1975-76	52,748	60,224	21,687	931,725	829,656	—	1,96,040	—	21,229	20,259
1976-77	70,916	59,193	26,133	963,729	540,394	—	1,660,366	—	43,138	56,347
1977-78	73,171	57,312	28,044	989,013	580,880	—	1,728,435	—	56,136	56,864
1977-78										
Sept.	5,670	4,454	2,184	117,081	37,471	46,299	166,861	147,092	5,403	87,598
Oct.	6,900	4,934	1,905	90,928	45,875	45,173	150,542	135,303	6,952	37,360
Nov.	5,951	5,278	1,830	74,420	65,095	55,729	152,574	15,234	6,580	36,706
Dec.	8,969	9,300	1,791	53,014	74,026	48,183	147,101	142,509	8,696	38,072
Jan.	6,283	5,407	3,760	143,192	49,898	46,946	208,540	137,068	4,920	50,639
Feb.	5,665	4,071	3,337	69,770	51,883	49,044	134,727	138,691	4,837	11,362
Mar.	6,084	4,020	2,821	60,701	54,978	51,078	128,604	141,120	4,030	9,838
Apr.	5,395	3,430	2,198	62,858	41,877	46,339	115,758	150,656	2,270	29,055
May	5,973	3,609	2,030	83,008	41,369	48,568	135,989	148,968	2,287	29,191
June	5,386	3,500	1,973	70,489	34,813	50,726	116,161	150,495	3,104	19,995
1978-79										
July	5,843	4,478	2,290	84,768	44,335	52,577	141,714	163,101	4,042	4,910
Aug.	5,422	4,776	2,306	90,531	49,747	51,320	152,783	150,770	3,791	14,339
Sept.	5,865	4,573	2,110	125,888	45,910	56,287	184,046	160,048	4,960	54,819
Oct. p	5,496	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	163,133	148,843	n.s.a.	35,418

## DEPARTURES

## Short-term movement

Period	Permanent movement		Long-term movement		Australian residents departing		Overseas visitors departing		Total departures	
	Former settlers departing	Other residents departing	Australian residents departing	Overseas visitors departing	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted
1975-76	17,150	10,277	64,475	21,528	951,290	—	511,062	1,575,781	—	—
1976-77	15,447	9,141	68,792	19,724	965,659	—	525,256	1,604,019	—	—
1977-78	13,972	9,124	60,100	19,195	1,004,932	—	564,251	1,671,571	—	—
1977-78										
Sept.	1,018	632	4,113	1,142	62,072	80,967	39,386	109,263	134,440	—
Oct.	1,071	623	3,865	1,228	65,540	86,578	40,857	113,183	135,902	—
Nov.	918	555	3,507	1,500	59,195	81,475	50,194	115,868	136,069	—
Dec.	1,381	781	5,630	3,572	128,008	75,965	45,800	185,173	132,641	—
Jan.	941	835	7,001	1,753	74,417	78,390	72,954	157,900	134,813	—
Feb.	886	654	5,212	1,484	57,084	88,299	58,044	123,364	146,543	—
Mar.	1,154	672	5,657	1,412	75,589	74,548	53,459	138,442	134,148	—
Apr.	1,368	1,079	5,141	1,165	88,281	84,118	47,780	144,813	140,568	—
May	1,466	1,100	5,213	1,544	111,096	94,325	44,760	165,180	145,468	—
June	1,206	789	4,459	1,300	95,922	91,317	33,380	136,156	145,622	—
1978-79										
July	1,183	1,016	4,965	1,406	91,468	90,908	36,766	136,803	156,679	—
Aug.	1,141	1,048	4,908	1,617	111,409	88,373	47,000	167,122	149,401	—
Sept.	1,176	839	3,939	1,334	75,746	93,921	48,193	129,227	157,725	—
Oct. p	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	127,715	155,942	—

NOTE: Minus sign (-) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

# EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

## CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Month	Employed (a)	Unemployed (a)		Total '000	Labour force (a)	Not in labour force (a)	Civilian population aged 15 years and over (a)	Unemploy- ment rate (b)	Participa- tion rate (c)
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
		per cent -							
MALES									
1977 Nov.	3,867.3	165.1	18.0	183.1	4,050.4	1,055.7	5,106.1	4.5	79.3
1978 Sept.	3,840.9	204.7	13.4	218.1	4,059.0	1,126.9	5,186.0	5.4	78.3
Oct.	3,854.7	194.0	13.9	207.9	4,062.7	1,128.5	5,191.1	5.1	78.3
Nov.	3,846.1	191.0	15.4	206.4	4,052.4	1,147.5	5,199.9	5.1	77.9
Dec.	3,923.7	219.9	21.6	241.6	4,165.3	1,048.9	5,214.1	5.8	79.9
1979 Jan.	3,869.2	235.2	14.8	250.0	4,119.3	1,098.9	5,218.2	6.1	78.9
MARRIED WOMEN									
1977 Nov.	1,368.9	34.4	33.4	67.7	1,436.6	1,963.7	3,400.3	4.7	42.3
1978 Sept.	1,358.9	40.5	29.9	70.4	1,429.3	1,979.2	3,408.5	4.9	41.9
Oct.	1,368.7	38.7	28.2	66.9	1,435.6	1,971.3	3,406.0	4.7	42.1
Nov.	1,373.4	34.9	28.5	63.4	1,436.8	1,983.6	3,420.5	4.4	42.0
Dec.	1,373.6	31.5	24.0	55.5	1,429.2	2,006.7	3,435.9	3.9	41.6
1979 Jan.	1,281.6	38.4	25.4	63.8	1,345.4	2,101.9	3,447.4	4.7	39.0
ALL FAMILIES									
1977 Nov.	2,128.2	112.4	51.4	163.7	2,291.9	2,935.3	5,227.2	7.1	43.8
1978 Sept.	2,144.1	120.1	46.3	166.4	2,310.5	3,003.4	5,313.9	7.2	13.5
Oct.	2,151.9	111.9	47.7	159.6	2,311.5	3,007.6	5,319.0	6.9	43.5
Nov.	2,151.2	117.9	45.5	163.3	2,314.6	3,014.5	5,329.1	7.1	43.4
Dec.	2,173.8	153.9	45.8	199.7	2,373.5	2,970.9	5,344.3	8.4	44.4
1979 Jan.	2,070.7	155.9	40.2	196.1	2,266.8	3,081.1	5,347.9	8.7	42.4
PERSONS									
1977 Nov.	5,995.4	277.4	69.4	346.8	6,342.2	3,991.0	10,333.2	5.5	61.4
1978 Sept.	5,985.1	324.8	59.7	384.5	6,369.6	4,130.3	10,499.9	6.0	60.7
Oct.	6,006.6	305.9	61.6	367.5	6,374.1	4,136.1	10,510.2	5.8	60.6
Nov.	5,997.3	308.8	60.9	369.7	6,367.0	4,162.0	10,529.1	5.8	60.5
Dec.	6,097.5	373.8	67.4	441.2	6,538.7	4,019.8	10,558.5	6.7	61.9
1979 Jan.	5,939.9	391.1	55.0	446.2	6,386.1	4,180.0	10,566.1	7.0	60.4

(a) The estimates relate to all persons aged 15 years and over, except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, non-Australians holidaying in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces in Australia. For definitions see explanatory notes in *The Labour Force* (6203.0). (b) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (c) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

## CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: AUSTRALIA (a) ('000)

(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	Total civilian employees						Private Government			
	Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
1974 - Dec.	3,029.4	3,030.4	1,691.6	1,694.5	4,721.0	4,724.9	3,492.9	3,488.0	1,228.2	1,236.9
1975 - Dec.	3,002.2	3,005.5	1,720.2	1,725.1	4,722.4	4,730.6	3,311.1	3,307.4	1,411.3	1,423.2
1976 - Dec.	2,985.1	2,989.7	1,737.9	1,744.3	4,722.9	4,734.0	3,296.2	3,293.9	1,426.8	1,440.7
1977-78 -										
Nov.	2,959.6	2,963.4	1,770.1	1,760.1	4,729.7	4,723.5	3,251.9	3,240.6	1,477.8	1,482.9
Dec.	2,960.3	2,966.3	1,763.5	1,769.3	4,723.7	4,735.6	3,251.9	3,248.1	1,471.8	1,487.5
Jan.	2,954.6	2,966.2	1,748.0	1,773.5	4,702.6	4,739.7	3,226.1	3,245.9	1,476.5	1,493.8
Feb.	2,962.6	2,961.9	1,761.9	1,766.7	4,724.6	4,728.6	3,233.7	3,238.0	1,490.8	1,490.6
Mar.	2,959.6	2,952.4	1,764.3	1,760.6	4,724.0	4,713.0	3,229.5	3,223.7	1,494.4	1,489.3
Apr.	2,956.0	2,948.9	1,767.1	1,761.5	4,723.1	4,710.4	3,225.2	3,218.8	1,497.9	1,491.6
May	2,951.9	2,940.3	1,768.0	1,768.7	4,719.9	4,709.0	3,221.4	3,214.3	1,498.5	1,489.7
June	(c)2,943.8	(c)2,933.9	1,769.6	1,766.9	(c)4,713.4	(c)4,700.8	(c)3,214.9	(c)3,211.3	1,498.5	1,489.5
1978-79 -										
July	(c)2,939.6	(c)2,937.8	(c)1,772.2	(c)1,770.5	(c)4,711.8	(c)4,708.2	(c)3,211.4	(c)3,215.9	1,500.4	1,492.3
Aug.	2,935.7	2,939.5	1,772.0	1,772.0	4,707.7	4,711.5	3,208.1	3,215.9	1,499.6	1,495.6
Sept.	(c)2,934.9	(c)2,941.4	1,774.5	1,772.1	(c)4,709.4	(c)4,713.5	(c)3,210.9	(c)3,214.8	(c)1,498.5	(c)1,498.7
Oct.	(c)2,936.6	(c)2,942.9	1,783.3	1,777.2	(c)4,719.9	(c)4,720.1	(c)3,220.9	(c)3,218.1	1,499.0	1,502.0
Nov.	(c)2,946.9	(c)2,951.0	1,795.7	1,786.0	(c)4,742.7	(c)4,737.0	(c)3,242.0	(c)3,231.2	(c)1,500.7	(c)1,505.8
Dec.	2,950.3	2,956.9	1,794.3	1,800.5	4,744.6	4,757.4	3,247.6	3,243.9	1,497.0	1,513.5

(a) The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. For the period subsequent to the census the employment data are obtained from three main sources, namely (i) current payroll tax returns, (ii) current returns from Government bodies, and (iii) some other current returns of employment (e.g. for hospitals), the balance, i.e. unrecorded private employment, is estimated. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked with the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. At June 1971 recorded employment obtained from the foregoing sources accounted for about 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered, as determined by the census. The estimates shown are based on the Australian Standard Industrial Classification. For further details on these series see *Employment and Unemployment* (6213.0) published monthly. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators*, 1978 (1308.0). (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

The estimates shown above are being revised as it has become apparent that the benchmarks used for the series, which have been obtained mainly from population censuses, are substantially understated. In the meantime the series provides a reasonable indication of current month-to-month movements. For more detail see *Civilian Employees* (6213.0).

**CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA : INDUSTRY (a) ('000)**  
(f) including defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service

Month	Manu- facturing	Con- struction	Whole sale and retail trade	Trans- port and storage	Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	Public admin- istration and defence (b)	Com- muni- ties services	Entertain- ment, recreation, hotels and personal services (c)	Other Indus- tries (d)	Total
<b>MALTS</b>										
1974 - Dec.	915.8	373.9	549.2	224.6	197.8	147.1	256.2	108.2	256.5	3,029.4
1975 - Dec.	888.0	357.2	553.0	219.4	196.0	155.2	270.0	112.5	251.1	3,002.2
1976 - Dec.	876.2	342.1	560.3	215.8	196.4	151.9	280.6	112.0	249.7	2,985.0
1977-78 -										
Nov.	854.0	335.9	552.5	213.2	194.9	153.0	293.8	111.7	250.6	2,959.6
Dec.	849.9	334.8	554.4	214.8	195.8	153.0	292.8	112.8	251.9	2,960.3
Jan.	848.8	333.0	550.9	212.2	196.0	153.7	295.5	112.4	252.1	2,954.6
Feb.	852.4	336.9	549.6	211.2	196.6	153.8	298.3	111.5	252.3	2,962.6
Mar.	850.3	336.3	549.3	210.7	196.6	153.9	299.3	111.4	251.8	2,959.6
Apr.	847.6	336.0	548.1	210.4	196.4	154.0	300.7	111.5	251.4	2,956.0
May	844.7	335.9	547.5	210.1	196.6	154.1	301.2	111.0	250.9	2,951.9
June	841.3	334.4	546.5	209.6	196.2	154.4	301.9	110.7	(c)248.6	(c)2,943.8
1978-79 -										
July	839.7	332.0	544.0	209.6	196.0	154.4	302.0	110.9	250.9	2,939.6
Aug.	837.0	329.9	543.9	209.6	195.6	154.8	302.4	111.7	250.8	2,935.7
Sept.	836.6	329.4	544.5	209.2	195.4	154.9	302.6	111.4	250.9	2,934.9
Oct.	(c)840.6	327.7	545.2	209.0	195.1	154.6	302.8	110.7	250.8	(c)2,936.6
Nov.	(c)843.8	327.5	548.3	(c)210.9	196.1	154.8	(c)303.7	(c)112.0	(c)249.7	(c)2,946.9
Dec.	842.1	325.0	551.1	213.5	196.2	154.4	302.5	113.4	252.2	2,950.3
<b>LIQUORS</b>										
1974 - Dec.	323.6	18.1	415.1	37.3	179.7	79.1	428.7	163.2	46.9	1,691.6
1975 - Dec.	313.9	18.1	416.5	36.5	179.8	90.8	453.4	165.0	46.1	1,720.2
1976 - Dec.	300.4	18.3	420.1	37.0	185.7	90.8	477.5	162.4	45.6	1,737.8
1977-78 -										
Nov.	290.2	17.9	421.9	37.4	187.4	95.0	511.5	163.3	45.6	1,770.1
Dec.	286.4	18.0	425.7	37.4	188.0	95.2	503.4	163.0	46.3	1,763.5
Jan.	283.9	18.0	413.4	37.0	187.8	95.2	504.1	162.4	46.2	1,748.0
Feb.	286.2	18.0	415.2	37.1	188.5	95.9	513.5	161.6	45.9	1,761.9
Mar.	285.3	18.0	414.2	37.0	188.9	96.2	517.3	161.1	46.4	1,764.3
Apr.	283.2	18.1	416.9	36.9	188.9	96.5	519.5	161.8	46.2	1,768.1
May	283.0	18.0	417.9	37.2	189.0	96.3	520.1	161.4	46.5	1,769.2
June	282.2	18.1	419.3	37.1	189.0	96.8	521.7	160.8	46.1	1,771.0
1978-79 -										
July	282.0	18.2	417.6	37.1	188.9	97.9	523.5	160.6	46.4	1,772.2
Aug.	282.5	18.1	416.0	37.1	188.8	97.3	524.2	161.4	46.6	1,772.0
Sept.	283.7	18.0	417.4	37.1	188.6	97.9	523.2	161.5	46.8	1,774.5
Oct.	286.2	18.0	422.2	37.5	189.1	97.6	523.5	162.0	47.1	1,783.3
Nov.	288.1	18.2	427.5	(c)37.7	190.1	97.6	(c)526.0	(c)163.1	(c)47.4	(c)1,795.7
Dec.	285.2	18.1	433.2	38.0	190.2	97.0	519.9	164.2	48.4	1,794.3
<b>PERSONS</b>										
1974 - Dec.	1,239.4	392.0	964.3	261.9	377.5	226.2	684.9	271.4	303.4	4,721.0
1975 - Dec.	1,201.9	375.3	969.5	255.9	375.8	246.0	723.4	277.5	297.2	4,722.5
1976 - Dec.	1,176.6	360.4	980.4	252.8	382.1	242.7	758.1	274.4	295.3	4,722.8
1977-78 -										
Nov.	1,144.2	353.8	974.4	250.6	382.3	247.9	805.3	274.9	296.1	4,729.7
Dec.	1,136.4	352.8	980.1	252.1	383.8	248.2	796.1	275.9	298.3	4,723.7
Jan.	1,132.7	350.9	964.3	249.2	383.9	248.9	799.6	274.7	298.4	4,702.6
Feb.	1,138.6	354.9	964.7	248.3	385.1	249.7	811.7	273.1	298.5	4,724.6
Mar.	1,135.6	354.3	963.5	247.6	385.6	250.1	816.5	272.5	298.2	4,724.0
Apr.	1,130.9	354.1	965.0	247.3	385.3	250.5	820.2	273.3	297.5	4,721.1
May	1,127.7	353.9	965.3	247.3	385.6	250.4	821.3	272.4	297.3	4,721.1
June	1,123.6	352.5	965.8	246.8	385.2	251.2	823.5	271.5	(c)294.8	(c)4,714.9
1978-79 -										
July	1,121.7	350.2	961.6	246.7	384.9	252.2	825.9	271.5	297.4	4,711.8
Aug.	1,119.4	348.0	959.8	246.8	384.3	252.1	826.6	273.1	297.7	4,707.7
Sept.	1,120.2	347.4	961.9	246.5	384.0	252.8	825.8	272.0	297.9	4,709.4
Oct.	(c)1,126.7	345.7	967.4	246.5	384.3	252.2	826.3	272.8	297.9	(c)4,719.9
Nov.	(c)1,131.9	(c)345.7	975.8	(c)248.7	386.2	252.4	(c)829.7	(c)275.1	(c)297.2	(c)4,742.7
Dec.	1,127.3	343.1	984.3	251.5	386.4	251.4	822.4	277.6	300.6	4,744.6

(a) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Includes permanent defence forces. (c) Excludes private households employing staff. (d) Includes forestry, fishing and hunting, mining, electricity, gas and water, and communication. (e) Affected by industrial disputes.



## CIVILIAN EMPLOYERS: STATE (a) (000)

(c) Includes defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic sector (d)

Month	A.B.C.	T.G.	Qld.	N.T.	W.I.	Les.	N.T.	LC T. & H.	Australia
MALES									
1974 Dec.	1,103.3	836.1	461.2	277.1	244.7	90.5	26.7	49.8	3,029.4
1975 Dec.	1,081.6	825.6	463.1	274.2	247.9	89.4	24.8	52.5	3,002.2
1976 Dec.	1,064.0	825.7	463.4	278.7	250.4	89.2	23.8	49.9	2,985.1
1977-78									
Nov.	1,056.3	811.1	463.7	272.0	255.0	87.9	23.2	50.4	2,959.6
Dec.	1,057.8	814.9	464.4	272.5	254.7	88.4	23.2	50.4	2,960.3
Jan.	1,055.2	814.7	466.7	271.2	254.8	88.3	23.2	50.4	2,954.6
Feb.	1,060.1	815.3	468.2	271.2	255.9	88.3	23.1	50.7	2,962.6
Mar.	1,059.7	813.5	468.8	269.8	256.1	88.1	23.1	50.8	2,959.6
Apr.	1,058.6	810.5	469.9	269.2	255.9	87.7	23.2	50.8	2,956.0
May	1,058.8	808.7	469.4	267.5	254.8	87.8	23.3	50.7	2,951.9
June	1,057.2	805.7	469.9	266.0	253.5	87.7	23.5	50.4	2,943.8
1978-79									
July	1,055.6	803.6	469.7	265.3	252.9	87.5	23.5	50.4	2,939.6
Aug.	1,052.8	801.9	462.2	264.4	253.1	87.2	23.8	50.1	2,935.7
Sept.	1,053.5	800.3	462.8	263.9	253.5	87.3	23.6	49.9	2,934.9
Oct.	1,055.2	802.7	464.1	263.6	253.1	87.3	23.7	49.8	2,936.6
Nov.	1,062.2	804.3	464.1	265.5	252.5	87.3	23.9	49.7	2,946.9
Dec.	1,062.6	807.6	461.3	265.1	253.0	87.9	23.8	49.2	2,950.3
FEMALES									
1974 Dec.	621.9	489.5	266.2	154.4	130.1	44.7	13.0	32.0	1,691.6
1975 Dec.	624.5	496.3	212.6	159.7	132.6	46.4	12.5	35.5	1,720.2
1976 Dec.	622.4	498.8	216.1	166.5	138.3	48.3	12.5	34.9	1,737.9
1977-78									
Nov.	632.0	500.7	220.9	171.1	147.0	49.3	13.0	36.1	1,770.1
Dec.	630.3	502.4	218.4	169.2	144.8	49.3	13.1	36.0	1,763.5
Jan.	619.5	500.3	218.3	167.0	144.8	49.3	13.0	35.9	1,748.0
Feb.	626.6	501.5	219.1	169.8	146.5	49.4	13.0	36.1	1,761.9
Mar.	627.8	501.3	218.8	169.9	148.0	49.5	13.1	36.1	1,764.3
Apr.	627.3	502.3	220.7	169.7	148.7	49.6	13.2	36.6	1,768.1
May	629.1	501.6	221.4	168.7	148.6	49.5	13.4	36.8	1,769.2
June	629.9	501.8	222.0	168.5	149.1	49.5	13.5	36.8	1,771.0
1978-79									
July	630.4	500.5	222.7	169.7	149.2	49.3	13.5	36.9	1,772.2
Aug.	630.4	499.4	223.3	169.8	149.9	49.3	13.5	36.5	1,772.0
Sept.	632.7	501.3	223.4	168.5	149.2	49.2	13.6	36.7	1,774.5
Oct.	636.8	502.8	224.0	169.0	150.6	49.4	13.7	37.1	1,783.3
Nov.	644.1	505.1	223.8	170.9	151.9	49.2	13.7	37.1	1,795.7
Dec.	643.8	507.5	224.2	168.9	149.9	50.0	13.4	36.6	1,794.3
PERSONS									
1974 Dec.	1,725.1	1,325.6	667.4	431.5	374.7	135.2	39.7	81.8	4,721.0
1975 Dec.	1,706.0	1,324.9	615.9	433.9	380.5	135.8	37.3	88.1	4,722.4
1976 Dec.	1,686.5	1,324.5	619.5	445.2	388.6	137.5	36.2	84.9	4,722.9
1977-78									
Nov.	1,688.3	1,311.8	624.6	443.2	402.0	137.2	36.2	86.5	4,729.7
Dec.	1,688.1	1,317.4	616.8	441.7	399.5	137.7	36.3	86.4	4,723.7
Jan.	1,674.7	1,315.0	615.1	438.2	399.6	137.6	36.2	86.3	4,702.6
Feb.	1,686.7	1,316.7	617.3	441.0	402.4	137.7	36.1	86.7	4,724.6
Mar.	1,687.2	1,314.9	617.6	439.7	404.2	137.6	36.1	86.6	4,724.0
Apr.	1,685.8	1,312.8	620.6	439.6	404.7	137.3	36.5	87.5	4,724.1
May	1,687.9	1,310.3	621.8	436.2	403.5	137.2	36.7	87.5	4,721.1
June	1,687.2	1,307.5	621.8	434.4	402.6	137.3	36.9	87.2	4,714.9
1978-79									
July	1,686.0	1,304.1	623.3	435.1	402.2	136.8	36.9	87.3	4,711.8
Aug.	1,683.3	1,301.3	625.5	434.2	403.1	136.5	37.3	86.6	4,707.7
Sept.	1,686.2	1,301.7	626.1	432.5	403.7	136.5	37.2	86.6	4,709.4
Oct.	1,692.0	1,305.5	626.2	432.6	403.7	136.6	37.4	86.9	4,719.9
Nov.	1,706.3	1,309.4	625.5	436.3	404.4	136.5	37.5	86.7	4,742.7
Dec.	1,706.4	1,315.1	625.5	434.0	402.9	137.9	36.9	85.8	4,744.6

(a) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

## REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Youth Affairs)

## Australia

Month	Year	N.S.W. and Vic.		Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Males	Females	Persons
		A.C.T.	Vic.								
1975	Feb.	108,718	80,868	49,779	25,227	24,070	8,002	1,083	187,851	109,896	297,747
1976	Feb.	122,469	71,809	50,141	33,993	22,752	10,283	2,292	196,220	107,519	303,739
1977	Feb.	150,453	77,263	54,697	25,856	25,506	10,044	2,849	224,044	122,624	346,668
1977-78											
Jan.		170,815	106,372	74,484	41,205	35,236	12,807	4,381	295,090	150,210	445,300
Feb.		163,036	103,370	71,957	39,896	35,571	12,879	4,547	281,848	149,408	431,256
Mar.		154,427	98,051	68,665	39,190	33,364	12,051	4,246	268,362	141,632	409,994
Apr.		149,979	97,425	65,523	40,227	33,433	11,680	4,267	265,180	137,354	402,534
May		144,942	94,839	62,796	40,455	32,728	11,999	4,404	261,755	130,408	392,163
June		144,101	95,172	63,181	40,491	34,443	11,944	4,510	265,232	128,610	393,842
1978-79											
July		143,588	95,149	61,549	41,102	35,669	12,020	4,301	268,230	125,148	393,378
Aug.		140,712	94,959	58,767	42,367	35,008	12,081	4,722	266,395	122,221	388,616
Sept.		136,710	93,689	58,542	42,724	34,172	12,495	4,329	262,255	120,406	382,661
Oct.		136,844	91,714	58,462	42,049	34,287	12,156	4,646	258,291	121,867	380,158
Nov.		143,242	98,513	61,268	42,877	36,110	12,638	4,564	265,293	133,919	399,212
Dec.		162,237	111,489	69,653	47,612	41,145	14,573	4,784	294,598	156,895	451,493
Jan.		178,041	119,169	78,006	51,617	46,344	15,344	4,995	319,099	174,417	493,516
Feb.		176,071	113,079	76,488	49,254	45,825	15,308	5,682	307,328	174,379	481,707

(a) Comprises all persons who were still registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (C.E.S.) at the Friday nearest the end of the month and who claimed when registering that they were not employed, and who were seeking full-time employment, i.e. 35 hours or more per week. They include persons referred to employers but whose employment was still unconfirmed, and persons who had recently obtained employment without notifying the C.E.S. All recipients of unemployment benefit are included.

## VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Youth Affairs)

									Australia			
									Adults	Juniors (b)	Total	
									Seasonally adjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Month		N.S.W. and A.C.T.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Original adjusted (c)	Original adjusted (c)	Original adjusted (c)	Original adjusted (c)
1975	Feb.	15,883	11,998	2,568	2,700	3,600	1,184	451	27,783	24,431	10,661	38,884
1976	Feb.	12,248	10,266	1,916	2,665	2,302	1,267	348	22,116	19,370	8,896	31,012
1977	Feb.	10,444	9,907	1,966	2,051	3,007	1,252	241	20,885	18,205	7,985	26,429
1977-78												
Jan.		11,008	7,188	1,825	1,642	1,909	1,033	263	15,474	13,745	9,394	24,868
Feb.		8,371	7,260	1,875	1,661	1,947	911	232	15,589	13,592	6,468	22,257
Mar.		6,963	6,255	2,034	1,501	1,622	882	266	14,030	13,169	5,493	19,039
Apr.		6,809	5,845	1,983	1,450	1,449	771	261	13,045	12,734	5,523	18,568
May		6,611	5,683	2,034	1,290	1,303	727	256	12,923	12,711	4,981	17,904
June		6,383	5,291	2,208	1,234	1,296	613	178	12,463	13,187	4,740	17,203
1978-79												
July		7,102	5,531	2,359	1,086	1,304	688	230	13,113	14,114	5,187	18,300
Aug.		7,693	5,305	1,935	982	1,289	616	235	13,040	13,328	5,015	18,055
Sept.		8,278	5,478	2,183	1,118	1,339	599	187	13,825	13,915	5,357	19,182
Oct.		8,955	6,135	2,180	1,208	1,338	661	237	14,893	14,988	5,821	20,714
Nov.		8,527	5,613	1,905	1,060	1,170	756	283	13,585	14,221	5,729	19,314
Dec.		8,390	4,764	1,583	1,241	955	746	332	11,253	10,898	6,758	18,011
Jan.		10,538	8,254	1,913	1,730	1,092	1,059	343	16,002	13,845	8,927	24,929
Feb.		10,371	8,100	2,088	1,730	1,132	1,172	341	17,530	15,173	7,404	24,934

(a) Vacancies notified to the C.E.S., which were still unfilled at the Friday nearest the end of the month and which employers claimed could be filled if labour were supplied immediately or within the following month. Vacancies for full-time, part-time, permanent, temporary and seasonal positions are included. These figures do not represent the total job vacancies in Australia. (b) Juniors comprise all persons under 21 years of age, including school leavers. (c) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1978* (1308.0).

NOTE: Simple surveys were conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in March each year from 1974 to 1978 to obtain information on the level and composition of job vacancies. To reduce to a minimum the delay in collection of data and publication of the results a quarterly telephone survey in respect of vacancies was commenced in May 1977. These surveys were conducted in May, August and November 1977 and in February and May 1978. As part of the measures necessary to bring the activities of the ABS within the resources available to it, the surveys of job vacancies were then terminated. For a number of reasons the estimates obtained from these surveys differ substantially from the numbers of vacancies registered with the C.E.S. at those dates. For example, the survey estimate of total vacancies at May 1978 was 32,200 while the C.E.S. figure was 17,904. Results of the surveys and reasons why the survey estimates differ from C.E.S. statistics are published in *Job Vacancies, May 1978* (6231.0).

**PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**  
(Source: Department of Social Security)

Date	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1976 July 2	83,361	43,638	26,494	13,148	14,554	7,228	129,788	58,635	188,423
1977 July 29	112,186	54,982	34,340	24,533	19,790	7,978	176,414	77,395	253,809
1978 June 30	104,708	67,632	43,796	34,578	25,620	9,757	203,328	82,763	286,091
1977-78									
Jan. 27	108,165	64,795	39,924	28,540	19,228	9,244	192,871	77,025	269,896
Feb. 24	117,917	69,245	47,732	31,744	22,240	9,577	206,991	91,464	298,455
Mar. 24	109,000	64,693	45,953	31,519	20,293	8,785	192,350	87,893	280,243
Apr. 21	109,856	66,479	43,865	32,577	21,412	9,119	195,981	87,327	283,308
June 2	101,653	65,121	42,102	33,125	21,000	9,383	190,786	81,598	272,384
June 30	104,708	67,632	43,796	34,578	25,620	9,757	203,328	82,763	286,091
1978-79									
July 28	108,288	67,182	42,697	35,351	27,430	9,770	208,432	82,286	290,718
Aug. 25	105,017	65,969	41,263	36,390	26,850	9,935	205,831	79,593	285,424
Sept. 22	103,276	67,744	41,029	37,103	25,284	10,206	206,174	78,468	284,642
Nov. 3	101,246	65,889	40,068	37,109	25,750	9,812	201,747	78,127	279,874
Dec. 1	100,153	66,027	41,106	36,889	25,477	9,639	199,534	79,757	279,291
Dec. 29	115,756	74,697	44,462	38,389	28,467	9,508	220,171	91,108	311,279
Jan. 26	121,294	80,141	52,950	43,843	32,405	11,244	237,699	104,178	341,877
Feb. 23	127,473	83,442	55,367	44,475	34,830	11,876	242,727	114,736	357,463

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

**PERSONS RECEIVING SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA**  
(Source: Department of Social Security)

Date	Sickness	Special	
		Ordinary	Migrant (a)
1976 July 2	30,468	7,224	209
1977 July 29	35,102	9,315	169
1978 June 30	35,168	10,964	1,013
1977-78			
Jan. 27	33,684	9,958	508
Feb. 24	34,670	10,083	540
Mar. 24	32,396	10,014	446
Apr. 21	35,285	10,825	539
June 2	33,748	10,538	914
June 30	35,168	10,964	1,013
1978-79			
July 28	34,801	11,537	542
Aug. 25	35,094	11,649	664
Sept. 22	34,684	11,971	557
Nov. 3	34,247	11,573	563
Dec. 1	35,280	11,634	413
Dec. 29	30,998	11,351	617
Jan. 26	34,216	12,644	711
Feb. 23	33,148	11,815	598

(a) In Australian Government centres or hostels awaiting their first placement in employment in Australia.

## INTERNAL TRADE

## VALUE OF RETAIL SALES (a) (\$ million)

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES (\$750 million)													
Commodity groups													
Period	Gro- ceries (b)	But- chers' meat	Other food (c)	Beer, wine and spirits	Cloth- ing and drap- ery	Foot- wear	Hard- ware (d)	Elec- trical goods (e)	Furni- ture	Chem- ists' goods	News- papers, books and sta- tionery	Other goods (f)	Total (excl. motor veh- cles, etc.)
ORIGINAL													
1975-76	3,156.7	1,114.0	1,857.3	2,534.9	2,925.9	453.3	768.4	1,742.9	1,088.5	1,053.5	686.3	1,663.5	19,045.2
1976-77	3,711.5	1,269.4	2,082.1	2,840.6	3,241.3	508.1	838.2	1,929.9	1,211.3	1,138.1	773.2	1,832.1	21,375.8
1977-78	4,273.4	1,417.9	2,331.1	3,123.7	3,584.2	573.0	959.6	1,888.0	1,294.6	1,232.0	861.2	2,036.3	23,575.0
1976-77 - June qtr	964.8	337.9	532.4	699.6	880.6	140.8	194.1	452.1	298.6	282.3	188.2	430.9	5,402.3
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	998.4	343.0	545.4	715.2	825.9	130.9	206.7	447.6	321.4	294.6	194.9	462.1	5,486.1
Dec. qtr	1,127.8	361.4	609.6	860.0	1,019.9	153.5	314.2	553.8	362.2	341.2	247.5	619.7	6,570.8
Mar. qtr	1,041.2	344.1	584.9	789.1	744.2	124.8	214.1	412.1	278.8	287.6	211.7	467.6	5,509.2
June qtr	1,106.0	369.4	591.2	759.4	994.2	163.8	224.6	474.5	332.2	308.6	207.1	486.9	6,017.9
1978-79 - Sept. qtr	1,135.3	382.5	605.7	807.6	909.0	142.7	236.5	462.5	343.0	318.9	216.7	514.5	6,076.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
1976-77 - June qtr	980.4	335.9	541.8	739.4	826.6	133.4	215.8	465.3	306.9	293.1	201.7	470.1	5,512.4
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	1,008.5	338.1	556.6	758.2	860.4	136.2	227.3	462.5	312.0	299.7	207.0	485.4	5,655.0
Dec. qtr	1,051.7	351.2	576.1	771.5	884.9	137.3	238.2	472.1	322.6	302.7	223.1	503.3	5,816.5
Mar. qtr	1,086.2	361.7	591.8	792.0	906.6	144.6	245.6	468.5	322.8	311.8	209.6	519.1	5,967.8
June qtr	1,130.1	366.1	606.2	805.4	932.9	155.3	248.9	485.3	338.5	317.4	220.0	530.4	6,144.0
1978-79 - Sept. qtr	1,146.6	378.5	620.6	852.9	944.6	147.3	262.8	479.6	332.5	326.2	231.3	539.2	6,267.7
MONTHLY ESTIMATES													
Total (excluding motor vehicles, etc.)													
Period	Original			Seasonally adjusted			Period	Original			Seasonally adjusted		
1977-78 -							1978-79 -						
Dec.	2,645.9			1,935.8			July	1,948.2			2,071.2		
Jan.	1,786.8			1,967.2			Aug.	2,059.9			2,094.3		
Feb.	1,765.3			1,999.3			Sept.	2,068.8			2,124.8		
Mar.	1,948.1			1,995.0			Oct. p	2,116.0			2,149.0		
Apr.	1,911.8			2,024.6			Nov. p	2,248.0			2,137.0		
May	2,120.4			2,057.5			Dec. p	2,905.0			2,194.0		
June	1,985.7			2,048.8			Jan. p	2,061.0			2,207.0		

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. Series based on 1973-74 Retail Census. (b) Includes bacon, butter, etc. (c) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (d) Excludes basic building materials, builders' hardware and supplies such as tools of trade, paint, etc. (e) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., sporting goods, etc., but excludes grain and produce and business machines.

NOTE: For further information see *Retail Sales of Goods* (8503.0) September quarter 1978. Figures from June Quarter 1977 are subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses.

## INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES (\$ million)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR RETAIL SALES (\$ million)					
Period	Amount financed during period (excluding hiring charges, interest, insurance, etc.)			Cash collections and other liquidations of balances during period	Balances outstanding at end of period (including hiring charges, etc.)
	Motor vehicles, etc.	Household and personal goods	Total		
FINANCE COMPANIES					
1977-78 : Aug.	108.0	24.9	132.8	168.2	2,646.2
Sept.	105.5	25.9	131.4	163.6	2,667.7
Oct.	95.2	29.4	124.6	158.7	2,689.3
Nov.	101.4	30.9	132.3	163.9	2,715.0
Dec.	95.2	32.3	127.6	154.6	2,743.2
Jan.	95.5	19.0	114.6	153.8	2,758.8
Feb.	93.5	21.6	115.2	171.8	2,754.1
Mar.	101.0	22.3	123.3	172.6	2,761.1
Apr.	98.0	24.0	122.0	167.0	2,772.4
May	109.6	29.0	138.6	183.4	2,790.1
June	102.0	26.8	128.8	172.4	2,804.0
1978-79 : July	101.0	24.4	125.3	178.1	2,809.2
Aug.	110.7	25.2	135.8	184.1	2,826.2
Sept.	103.4	24.5	127.9	170.0	2,840.4
States, September 1978 -					
N.S.W.	34.8	10.5	45.3	56.5	1,003.9
Vic.	22.6	5.0	27.6	39.6	605.3
Qld	17.0	4.4	21.4	28.6	478.7
S.A.	9.6	1.4	11.0	(a)16.4	(a)268.4
W.A.	11.4	1.6	13.0	17.2	310.9
Tas.	4.6	0.6	5.2	7.1	104.0
N.T.	1.0	0.1	1.1	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.4	0.9	3.3	4.8	69.3
OTHER BUSINESSES					
1977-78 : Aug.	0.1	21.1	21.2	23.4	160.7
Sept.	0.1	19.0	19.1	22.2	159.5
Oct.	—	19.1	19.1	21.8	158.4
Nov.	—	21.9	21.9	22.2	160.0
Dec.	0.1	26.3	26.4	21.4	166.8
Jan.	—	15.3	15.3	21.1	162.7
Feb.	—	15.3	15.3	21.6	158.2
Mar.	—	16.4	16.5	20.4	156.1
Apr.	—	18.3	18.4	20.9	155.4
May	—	19.0	19.0	22.4	153.9
June	—	16.7	16.8	22.4	150.4
1978-79 : July	—	18.4	18.4	21.8	151.2
Aug.	—	17.7	17.7	20.5	148.9
Sept.	—	15.6	15.7	19.5	146.3
States, September 1978 -					
N.S.W.	—	4.2	4.2	5.0	44.4
Vic.	—	5.0	5.0	6.7	45.0
Qld	—	1.8	1.8	2.2	14.5
S.A.	—	2.8	2.8	(a)3.2	(a)26.8
W.A.	—	1.6	1.6	1.9	12.8
Tas.	—	0.3	0.3	0.5	2.8
N.T.	—	—	—	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	—	—	—	—	0.1
ALL BUSINESSES					
1977-78 : Aug.	108.0	46.0	154.0	191.6	2,806.9
Sept.	105.6	44.9	150.5	185.8	2,827.2
Oct.	95.2	48.5	143.7	180.5	2,847.7
Nov.	101.4	52.8	154.2	186.1	2,875.0
Dec.	95.3	58.6	153.9	176.0	2,909.8
Jan.	95.6	34.3	129.9	174.9	2,921.5
Feb.	93.6	36.9	130.5	193.5	2,912.3
Mar.	101.0	38.8	139.8	192.9	2,917.2
Apr.	98.0	42.3	140.3	187.9	2,927.9
May	109.6	48.0	157.6	205.8	2,944.0
June	102.0	43.5	145.5	194.7	2,954.4
1978-79 : July	101.0	42.7	143.7	199.9	2,960.5
Aug.	110.7	42.8	153.5	204.6	2,975.1
Sept.	103.4	40.1	143.6	189.5	2,986.8
States, September 1978 -					
N.S.W.	34.8	14.7	49.5	61.5	1,048.2
Vic.	22.6	10.0	32.6	46.3	650.3
Qld	17.0	6.2	23.2	30.8	493.2
S.A.	9.6	4.2	13.8	(a)19.6	(a)295.2
W.A.	11.4	3.2	14.6	19.0	323.7
Tas.	4.6	0.8	5.4	7.5	106.8
N.T.	1.0	0.1	1.1	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.4	0.9	3.3	4.8	69.4

(a) Includes Northern Territory. (b) Not available separately for publication, included in South Australia.

## OVERSEAS TRADE

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY BROAD ECONOMIC CATEGORIES (a)  
(£ million)

	Food and Beverages				Fuels and Lubricants						
	Primary		Processed		Industrial supplies			Processed		Capital goods (except trans. equip. and parts)	
	Mainly for industry	Mainly for household consumption	Mainly for industry	Mainly for household consumption	Primary	Processed	Primary	Motor spirit	Other	Capital goods	Parts
1975-76	51.1	81.6	44.1	159.1	243.7	2,052.3	329.8	93.4	371.2	1,442.6	293.2
1976-77	129.2	121.2	59.8	224.8	275.7	2,684.5	395.1	136.0	447.6	1,842.8	360.6
1977-78	141.1	140.9	76.2	265.6	321.8	2,829.8	474.2	92.8	571.8	2,094.0	390.9
1977-78 -											
Dec.	10.9	7.1	4.0	20.6	18.6	189.4	30.6	6.0	29.6	149.1	26.2
Jan.	13.5	12.5	6.6	25.0	23.4	258.1	52.5	11.0	73.4	175.1	31.0
Feb.	10.0	10.6	4.2	23.1	25.8	222.6	29.1	1.6	52.3	161.0	30.1
Mar.	9.3	11.3	7.9	20.8	25.2	244.8	41.1	12.0	45.1	182.7	36.1
Apr.	4.5	10.9	9.7	19.4	27.4	226.0	47.4	13.0	41.5	163.6	33.3
May	11.4	11.4	5.8	25.2	35.1	261.5	43.8	4.6	39.2	195.5	38.3
June	10.4	10.0	6.2	21.8	30.7	246.4	30.3	4.3	44.2	193.3	33.1
1978-79 p -											
July	14.8	7.9	6.9	23.7	29.6	269.3	49.4	2.1	33.2	166.4	64.9
Aug.	10.9	8.5	4.9	29.3	25.5	287.3	28.3	8.5	75.3	179.2	78.4
Sept.	7.7	7.7	6.3	21.4	23.5	238.8	22.0	4.0	39.0	170.3	69.3
Oct.	11.3	8.4	9.0	34.4	29.6	325.2	25.6	5.1	21.2	210.3	85.6
Nov.	9.2	9.3	7.3	32.0	29.6	302.4	41.2	2.0	60.6	213.8	86.5
Dec.	8.8	7.3	3.1	26.6	21.7	246.1	38.8	3.8	46.0	189.1	73.9
Jan.	8.3	7.9	7.4	24.0	24.7	325.9	26.0	12.5	59.4	213.0	53.3

## Transport Equipment and Parts

	Other			Consumer Goods n.e.c.			Total imports of merchandise		Total imports	
	Passenger motor cars (b)	Industrial (b)	Non-industrial	Parts	Durable	Semi-durable	Non-durable	Goods n.e.c.	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1975-76	219.1	208.9	44.0	790.3	644.7	606.9	302.3	175.3	8,153.7	8,240.6
1976-77	298.7	324.8	49.2	928.4	766.1	803.8	359.3	124.7	10,332.1	10,410.6
1977-78	290.5	373.9	39.3	912.7	632.8	870.4	422.8	140.3	11,081.8	11,166.6
1977-78 -										
Dec.	26.4	26.9	2.8	61.8	46.8	58.4	28.4	8.7	752.8	757.6
Jan.	20.1	23.6	3.1	78.4	43.5	79.6	37.0	10.1	977.6	985.7
Feb.	11.6	17.9	3.7	68.3	46.0	84.8	31.5	12.4	846.5	853.9
Mar.	31.0	27.9	3.5	79.6	47.1	72.5	37.9	16.5	952.3	964.9
Apr.	22.1	41.9	3.5	74.1	47.8	61.3	31.4	12.9	891.7	896.9
May	23.5	40.0	3.6	90.9	55.5	66.3	41.0	21.1	1,013.7	1,020.2
June	32.6	60.4	5.0	84.0	55.7	65.6	37.9	10.7	982.5	988.4
1978-79 p										
July	32.0	59.2	11.1	88.4	58.2	72.7	48.0	8.9	1,046.7	1,062.0
Aug.	25.5	53.3	10.6	90.8	61.8	83.4	49.2	10.1	1,120.9	1,128.8
Sept.	29.4	70.6	11.2	71.8	56.5	68.7	46.5	7.1	971.7	977.7
Oct.	21.4	59.0	11.9	99.3	85.5	76.4	58.2	10.1	1,187.5	1,195.2
Nov.	33.9	53.2	11.2	91.6	81.7	70.3	50.8	11.0	1,197.6	1,207.4
Dec.	35.1	52.7	11.5	75.6	59.0	57.4	45.0	10.9	1,014.5	1,024.4
Jan.	37.7	44.2	7.4	138.1	58.9	82.8	51.2	12.1	1,194.9	1,213.2

(a) From July 1978 onwards, the ABS ceased to compile import statistics by Economic Class. Economic Class statistics have been replaced by import statistics classified according to the nineteen categories of the United Nations' Classification, Broad Economic Categories (B.E.C.).  
 (b) Unassembled road motor vehicles are included with parts and accessories of transport equipment.

**EXPORT OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES**  
(£ million)

Period	Meats	Dairy produce	Wheat and flour	Dried, fresh and preserved fruit	Sugar	Coal, coke and briquettes	Ores and concentrates	
							Non-ferrous	Iron
1975-76	667.9	189.5	961.5	96.1	569.9	1,069.8	526.6	771.0
1976-77	884.8	189.3	893.4	98.9	637.5	1,291.5	645.1	901.7
1977-78	1,118.9	187.9	1,033.4	115.3	536.7	1,489.8	1,278.0	920.9
1977-78 -								
Dec.	76.1	18.5	87.8	3.3	49.3	105.6	93.8	76.2
Jan.	79.4	21.0	79.1	6.3	54.2	105.9	111.5	79.0
Feb.	108.5	16.0	95.2	4.5	1.9	139.0	92.8	68.4
Mar.	95.9	16.8	76.0	8.0	18.2	119.7	86.4	66.5
Apr.	102.2	13.0	87.8	10.1	18.3	147.9	91.8	72.6
May	108.4	14.7	106.8	15.3	26.7	127.5	104.0	63.4
June	95.2	14.6	66.2	18.5	33.1	126.5	150.2	82.0
1978-79 p -								
July	124.1	15.0	59.9	11.8	40.7	119.8	92.0	85.6
Aug.	115.8	12.7	53.9	15.7	46.0	87.4	117.4	77.3
Sept.	92.8	5.6	41.8	7.6	43.3	109.8	90.7	92.6
Oct.	117.8	15.6	42.2	14.3	91.1	110.4	108.9	85.2
Nov.	133.1	16.8	35.9	8.9	52.7	139.3	150.6	62.2
Dec.	105.7	17.2	35.4	7.8	56.7	139.6	94.2	73.1
Jan.	178.8	23.4	84.4	6.5	23.2	162.4	110.3	89.9

Period	Road motor vehicles	Wool		Total exports of merchandise	Total exports	
		Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted
1975-76	95.1	961.9	..	9,399.7	9,640	..
1976-77	91.7	1,477.1	..	11,483.9	11,646	..
1977-78	90.9	1,183.1	..	12,049.4	12,270	..
1977-78 -						
Dec.	8.8	131.2	136.3	983.7	1,000	1,030
Jan.	5.0	138.5	105.0	998.3	1,018	1,041
Feb.	5.5	96.6	79.4	943.1	957	1,016
Mar.	5.6	103.7	109.7	939.4	951	1,006
Apr.	6.4	126.7	114.2	1,001.7	1,013	1,028
May	8.4	112.8	110.1	1,022.6	1,042	1,022
June	9.3	106.2	107.1	1,111.1	1,126	1,048
1978-79 p -						
July	7.2	115.5	113.6	1,060.3	1,073.4	1,086.2
Aug.	11.7	99.7	97.4	1,020.6	1,031.7	992.5
Sept.	9.6	59.4	83.8	909.7	934.1	937.8
Oct.	12.2	109.0	142.8	1,110.8	1,134.0	1,145.5
Nov.	10.7	146.5	162.0	1,193.4	1,204.8	1,143.2
Dec.	9.1	122.8	129.9	1,071.0	1,088.1	1,146.6
Jan.	9.5	121.2	90.8	1,282.4	1,310.8	1,317.8

**EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES (a)**  
(*\$ million*)

Period	Meat and meat preparations	Cereal grains and cereal preparations	Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	Other (dairy produce, fruit, etc.)	Wool and sheepskins	Metal-liferous ores and metal scrap	Coal, coke and briquettes	Metals, metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment	Other exports	All exports of merchandise	
										Original	Seasonally adjusted
1975-76	604	1,460	664	471	1,027	1,177	674	1,434	1,335	8,847	..
1976-77	727	1,534	841	526	1,193	1,218	765	1,502	1,412	9,718	..
1977-78	799	1,797	814	460	902	1,208	813	1,648	1,541	9,982	..
1976-77 - June qtr	201	406	124	137	241	315	212	358	357	2,350	2,330
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	202	460	263	108	163	316	197	439	365	2,512	2,431
Dec. qtr	202	461	313	110	226	299	202	417	383	2,613	2,583
Mar. qtr	197	466	131	116	257	281	197	370	371	2,386	2,531
June qtr	198	410	107	125	256	312	217	423	423	2,471	2,444
1978-79 p - Sept. qtr	218	247	184	98	203	399	171	474	312	2,306	2,230

**IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES (a)**  
(*\$ million*)

Period	Food, beverages and tobacco	Fuels	Basic materials	Chemicals (incl. plastics)	Textiles, fabrics, etc.	Metals, metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment	Other imports	All imports of merchandise	
								Original	Seasonally adjusted
1975-76 (b)	330	680	407	667	526	3,160	1,558	7,326	..
1976-77	379	763	442	795	545	3,514	1,747	8,185	..
1977-78	369	798	427	831	516	3,100	1,669	7,709	..
1976-77 - June qtr	88	195	110	205	130	895	403	2,026	2,087
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	96	190	113	196	131	807	434	1,968	1,892
Dec. qtr	83	191	99	197	123	752	391	1,836	1,834
Mar. qtr	96	226	101	225	126	726	438	1,938	1,964
June qtr	94	190	114	213	136	815	406	1,968	2,026
1978-79 p - Sept. qtr	89	186	117	219	144	842	460	2,057	1,976

(a) Estimates of Exports and Imports of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices were presented for the first time in Catalogue No. 5421.0 of 11 August 1978. These estimates replace the previously published series based on average 1966-67 prices. (b) Prior to September quarter 1976, the recorded value of imports was the higher of actual selling price or current domestic value (in the country of export). Since then a system of valuation based on the Brussels Definition of Value has been used. It has been estimated that if the previous basis of valuation had continued, the current price values of total imports would have been about 2% higher than the recorded values on the new basis. The estimates at average 1966-67 prices would be affected to a much lesser degree.



## PRICES AND WAGES

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index has been compiled for periods from September quarter 1948. The composition of groups and the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction of the ninth Consumer Price Index series as from September quarter 1976. A description of the index is contained in the booklet "A guide to Consumer Price Index".

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES  
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted)

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (a)	Recreation (b)	All groups
1975-76	180.2	201.0	221.1	178.3	203.8	211.1	151.6	...	193.3
1976-77	201.2	232.5	251.8	196.3	221.9	229.8	265.8	104.1	220.0
1977-78	223.2	257.4	274.6	212.6	240.1	240.0	318.3	113.4	241.0
1977-78									
Sept. qtr	217.4	248.2	266.7	206.4	232.3	236.0	307.1	110.1	234.1
Dec. qtr	222.1	256.5	273.2	211.7	239.2	239.2	311.0	112.6	239.6
Mar. qtr	223.5	259.3	276.9	213.8	243.0	241.9	317.8	114.9	242.7
June qtr	229.8	265.6	281.7	218.3	245.9	242.8	337.3	116.0	247.7
1978-79									
Sept. qtr	236.6	269.0	285.2	221.1	251.2	245.3	350.2	117.6	252.5
Dec. qtr	244.0	274.8	290.5	224.2	259.7	287.5	281.9	119.5	258.2

(a) Base : December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (b) Base : September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS  
(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted average of seven capital cities
1975-76	193.3	199.0	189.5	190.9	190.5	189.6	190.0	187.3	193.3
1976-77	220.0	223.4	216.6	218.0	220.1	219.4	217.7	212.9	219.9
1977-78	241.0	243.2	238.2	238.4	241.8	243.1	239.1	232.3	240.9
1977-78									
Sept. qtr	234.1	236.0	231.6	231.3	235.6	234.9	232.0	224.8	233.9
Dec. qtr	239.6	241.8	236.6	236.3	241.0	242.5	238.1	231.9	239.5
Mar. qtr	242.7	245.1	239.2	240.6	243.1	245.3	240.8	234.2	242.5
June qtr	247.7	249.8	245.2	245.2	247.6	249.8	245.5	238.1	247.6
1978-79									
Sept. qtr	252.5	255.0	249.6	249.8	252.6	254.7	249.3	242.7	252.4
Dec. qtr	258.2	261.6	253.9	257.6	256.9	260.8	254.5	248.2	258.0

## PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) GROUP INDEX NUMBERS

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

## Manufactured materials (imported) (b)

Period	Chemicals	Metal manu- factures, components, for trans- port equip- ment and machinery	Other manu- factured materials (b)	Other materials (imported and home produced) (c)			Total imported materials	Total home produced materials	All groups
				Food, live animals and tobacco	Crude materials (excl. fuels)	Electricity, gas and fuels			
Value weight (%)	6.67	5.21	5.76	45.87	20.66	15.83	27.16	72.84	100.00
1975-76	149.4	179.6	148.4	132.5	163.0	229.0	202.9	142.0	158.6
1976-77	160.3	211.6	164.5	154.9	191.7	254.8	233.2	163.2	182.2
1977-78	170.7	246.6	185.1	166.6	199.4	290.6	257.0	176.8	198.6
1977-78 —									
Nov.	168.6	240.8	183.2	152.4	197.6	292.9	255.4	167.6	191.4
Dec.	169.9	241.8	184.1	159.0	198.1	291.2	255.1	171.9	194.5
Jan.	170.0	252.8	185.1	162.5	200.1	294.7	256.8	175.7	197.7
Feb.	172.7	253.5	185.4	170.1	200.4	294.3	257.9	180.3	201.4
Mar.	174.0	254.1	187.6	168.4	199.5	294.0	258.6	179.0	200.7
Apr.	173.6	255.5	188.2	173.7	200.9	296.1	259.5	183.0	203.8
May	172.7	257.9	189.1	174.3	202.6	297.5	260.0	184.2	204.8
June	172.5	259.7	191.2	190.9	203.9	294.5	259.7	194.7	212.4
1978-79 —									
July	173.9	263.5	191.8	197.6	204.8	303.8	261.0	201.2	217.4
Aug.	175.0	267.9	192.4	198.4	206.8	329.3	262.4	207.7	222.6
Sept.	175.8	268.8	193.8	201.9	210.3	352.9	263.6	215.9	228.8
Oct.	176.0	268.0	194.1	204.2	214.3	355.1	263.8	218.8	231.1
Nov. p	176.8	270.9	197.9	205.9	217.4	355.8	266.3	220.6	233.0
Dec. p	176.9	271.1	199.4	212.6	218.9	355.9	268.1	224.7	236.5

(a) The index is on a net basis and relates in concept only to materials that enter Australian manufacturing industry from other sectors of the Australian economy or from overseas. (b) Excluding the manufactured imported crude materials listed in footnote (c). (c) Includes imported fuel oil and the following manufactured imported crude materials: synthetic rubber, hardwood, softwood, woodpulp, synthetic fibre, vegetable oils.

## PRICE INDEXES OF ARTICLES PRODUCED BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) DIVISION AND SUB-DIVISION INDEX NUMBERS

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

## Net sub-division indexes (c)

Period	All Manu- facturing Industry Index (b)	Food, beverages and tobacco (21-22)	Textiles (23)	Clothing and footwear (24)	Wood, wood products and furniture (25)	Paper, paper products and printing (26)	Chemical, petroleum and coal products (27)	Glass, clay and other non- metallic mineral products (28)	Basic metal products (29)	Fabricated metal products (31)	Transport equip- ment (32)	Other industrial machinery and equip- ment and house- hold appliances (33)	Miscellan- eous manu- facturing products (34)
1975-76	177.8	163.5	159.7	185.2	219.9	196.3	168.2	183.2	174.0	217.1	175.8	179.2	159.0
1976-77	196.9	180.0	178.6	208.1	246.8	212.8	182.4	202.5	200.6	244.9	195.0	199.4	176.0
1977-78	213.8	195.6	193.3	225.2	264.0	231.7	200.7	219.8	213.9	268.7	211.6	215.3	192.4
1977-78 —													
Dec.	212.4	192.0	193.1	224.3	262.7	231.1	200.6	218.8	215.3	268.3	210.6	214.5	191.6
Jan.	213.8	194.1	193.7	224.9	263.0	233.3	202.5	221.4	215.3	269.1	211.4	216.5	192.1
Feb.	215.6	197.1	193.7	227.3	263.6	236.5	203.3	222.6	214.4	270.0	213.8	217.4	193.3
Mar.	217.1	199.2	194.3	228.4	265.0	236.8	204.8	223.8	214.9	274.1	214.1	218.4	195.9
Apr.	218.8	201.7	194.7	228.7	267.7	237.9	206.6	225.3	215.4	274.9	217.8	219.5	196.9
May	220.0	204.5	195.7	229.3	270.1	238.6	206.4	226.1	216.6	276.3	218.9	220.2	197.2
June	221.6	206.8	196.8	230.6	271.0	239.0	207.0	227.1	219.6	278.1	219.9	221.9	197.8
1978-79 —													
July	223.3	208.9	198.4	233.5	271.5	239.3	207.7	227.1	220.0	279.0	222.2	223.2	199.0
Aug.	224.3	208.3	199.4	235.3	272.5	239.9	209.9	227.3	221.6	281.3	223.5	224.9	200.3
Sept.	227.0	211.2	200.1	235.6	273.8	241.9	221.5	228.1	223.3	282.0	224.5	225.6	201.0
Oct.	229.7	214.8	202.5	236.6	275.1	242.4	227.2	230.0	225.6	282.8	226.4	227.0	201.9
Nov.	231.5	216.4	202.8	236.6	275.5	243.4	230.9	232.0	227.4	283.3	228.0	229.4	203.9
Dec. p	233.6	219.1	203.3	236.9	277.0	244.2	232.7	234.7	229.2	285.4	230.2	230.7	205.7
Jan. p	236.7	223.3	205.1	237.4	279.9	245.5	233.7	237.6	234.5	286.3	232.1	232.7	206.7

(a) For a full description of Division C, 'Manufacturing' and the selected sub-divisions see Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), Preliminary Edition, 1969. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division. (c) These indexes are on a 'net sub-division' basis. ASIC sub-division codes are shown in brackets at the head of the columns.

## PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING

## ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1975-76	211.1	200.1	218.5	222.5	201.9	209.2	208.1
1976-77	234.5	223.6	243.5	250.7	229.8	235.1	232.9
1977-78	254.0	238.6	265.1	270.7	253.4	256.7	252.0
1977-78 -							
Jan.	253.8	238.6	265.0	270.9	253.6	256.7	251.9
Feb.	255.7	240.4	268.6	272.0	254.5	258.0	253.7
Mar.	256.6	241.6	269.1	273.3	257.2	260.9	255.1
Apr.	259.8	242.6	270.5	274.3	257.5	261.3	256.7
May	260.9	243.1	271.3	276.9	257.9	262.2	257.6
June	261.9	243.7	272.0	278.1	259.0	263.2	258.5
1978-79 -							
July	263.0	243.3	273.7	280.3	258.6	264.0	259.0
Aug.	264.5	244.4	274.6	279.7	260.0	265.4	260.2
Sept.	265.4	244.9	275.1	279.7	261.8	265.5	260.9
Oct.	266.7	246.1	275.2	280.6	262.9	266.1	262.0
Nov.	267.3	247.0	276.6	282.1	264.7	268.0	263.0
Dec.	268.9	248.3	277.9	286.8	265.1	268.8	264.6
Jan. p	271.7	250.0	279.6	292.1	267.0	268.8	266.9
Feb. p	274.6	254.3	284.9	295.3	271.4	276.5	270.9

## GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
Value weight (%)	5.73	8.16	12.85	36.16	5.86	7.20	3.74	1.63	2.13	5.64	7.96	100.00
1975-76	195.1	227.0	205.1	226.2	229.3	187.1	201.5	183.5	165.9	167.7	187.9	208.1
1976-77	217.8	258.9	227.8	254.1	263.2	207.9	224.3	201.8	181.9	178.8	210.7	232.9
1977-78	239.0	284.6	245.8	275.0	287.7	220.1	239.1	215.5	193.3	191.8	230.4	252.0
1977-78 -												
Jan.	240.5	283.9	246.6	273.7	290.0	220.4	241.3	219.0	192.5	193.0	229.7	251.9
Feb.	242.5	285.8	247.5	276.1	290.7	221.2	242.4	218.1	194.8	193.4	233.8	253.7
Mar.	243.5	287.9	248.4	277.9	291.2	221.7	242.8	217.9	195.7	195.3	234.9	255.1
Apr.	244.4	291.5	251.5	279.5	292.2	223.9	243.1	218.8	195.6	195.4	235.8	256.7
May	245.7	291.8	251.9	280.7	293.3	224.9	243.1	221.4	197.4	195.6	236.1	257.6
June	246.3	292.4	252.4	281.0	296.0	226.8	243.0	224.3	198.6	197.1	237.1	258.5
1978-79 -												
July	243.9	292.4	253.8	281.4	297.7	226.8	243.4	224.5	199.1	197.3	239.9	259.0
Aug.	241.7	293.6	254.1	283.1	299.5	229.3	243.2	227.4	200.3	197.8	242.0	260.2
Sept.	240.9	296.9	254.1	283.8	300.1	230.8	236.2	228.5	200.8	200.1	243.9	260.9
Oct.	242.3	297.8	258.6	284.4	300.9	231.6	233.4	233.2	201.1	200.6	244.3	262.0
Nov.	245.7	300.9	259.9	284.7	301.5	232.5	233.2	233.9	201.8	201.3	246.0	263.0
Dec.	250.9	302.4	260.3	285.9	302.4	233.3	238.8	234.3	201.7	205.5	247.5	264.6
Jan. p	257.3	303.2	261.4	288.9	304.4	235.9	241.6	239.1	202.5	205.8	248.8	266.9
Feb. p	262.9	306.7	263.9	293.5	314.0	242.6	245.1	246.2	203.2	205.9	249.5	270.9

## PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

## ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1975-76	199.0	209.4	216.3	210.4	208.3	210.4	206.2
1976-77	221.5	234.8	241.2	234.3	235.4	234.8	230.3
1977-78	239.9	254.4	260.9	254.2	258.3	253.7	249.7
1977-78 -							
Jan.	240.7	255.7	262.1	255.2	259.3	254.7	250.7
Feb.	242.0	256.5	263.2	256.3	259.7	255.5	251.8
Mar.	243.2	257.7	264.1	257.8	261.4	256.4	252.9
Apr.	245.1	259.0	264.9	259.1	263.1	257.6	254.6
May	245.9	260.1	266.6	260.9	265.1	259.3	255.7
June	248.3	262.1	268.8	262.6	266.9	260.7	257.8
1978-79 -							
July	249.8	261.4	269.8	263.1	267.6	261.9	258.5
Aug.	250.6	262.0	270.8	263.1	269.3	262.9	259.4
Sept.	251.8	262.3	271.4	262.8	269.8	263.5	259.9
Oct.	252.7	263.7	271.8	263.2	270.8	264.2	260.9
Nov.	254.4	265.4	273.1	264.3	272.1	265.9	262.5
Dec.	255.5	268.1	275.2	269.2	272.8	267.6	264.4
Jan. p	260.2	271.1	278.2	274.5	276.4	267.9	268.3
Feb. p	264.2	277.2	283.4	281.2	281.0	274.5	273.4

## GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stoneware, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscellaneous materials	Electrical installation materials (a)	Mechanical services components	All groups
Value weight (%)	10.41	3.64	5.28	11.90	30.58	6.01	2.59	1.19	7.09	8.61	12.70	100.00
1975-76	193.0	220.0	202.7	219.3	223.4	193.6	173.3	232.1	186.8	177.4	201.3	206.2
1976-77	215.6	244.7	224.0	243.6	251.7	213.7	195.0	251.2	204.2	199.6	225.4	230.3
1977-78	235.3	268.4	241.0	263.2	273.4	230.8	198.1	263.7	221.9	215.3	247.2	249.7
1977-78 -												
Jan.	237.3	269.8	242.1	262.1	274.7	232.0	198.1	265.2	222.9	217.7	247.7	250.7
Feb.	239.6	271.4	243.1	264.6	275.6	232.0	197.8	265.8	224.4	216.8	248.6	251.8
Mar.	240.7	273.5	243.6	266.1	276.6	232.3	198.0	266.5	225.8	216.9	251.4	252.9
Apr.	241.4	276.9	245.6	268.7	277.3	232.5	200.8	266.9	226.7	219.8	254.2	254.6
May	242.2	275.3	246.4	269.8	278.7	236.2	201.9	267.0	227.3	221.6	255.0	255.7
June	242.8	276.8	247.2	271.0	282.2	237.5	205.9	267.0	227.9	225.0	256.6	257.8
1978-79 -												
July	240.5	277.2	248.3	271.2	283.7	238.0	203.9	267.2	230.9	224.8	258.2	258.5
Aug.	239.1	277.6	249.1	272.3	284.6	239.7	205.9	266.8	229.5	226.8	260.2	259.4
Sept.	239.6	277.6	249.3	273.0	285.1	239.6	208.9	251.3	230.8	228.4	261.5	259.9
Oct.	241.2	279.6	252.3	273.3	285.4	240.1	211.8	242.1	231.5	232.8	262.4	260.9
Nov.	244.1	282.6	253.8	274.1	286.3	240.1	214.2	242.0	231.9	236.8	264.0	262.5
Dec.	249.9	284.6	254.8	275.2	287.7	241.2	215.9	252.1	233.1	237.8	266.0	264.4
Jan. p	257.1	286.7	256.1	276.8	293.6	243.8	219.9	257.2	234.5	240.9	268.1	268.3
Feb. p	264.3	288.6	259.5	281.3	297.8	247.3	237.8	258.9	234.9	251.0	273.9	273.4

(a) The Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials is used as the indicator for this group.

## EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS (Base : Year 1959-60 = 100)

Period	Wool	Meats	Dairy produce	Cereals	Dried and canned fruits	Sugar	Hides and tallow	Metals and coal (a)	Gold	All groups (b)
1975-76	127	150	122	240	162	335	151	286	359	187
1976-77	164	169	128	219	184	314	203	330	370	206
1977-78	168	212	147	196	237	273	224	340	472	213
1977-78 -										
Nov.	169	194	147	187	242	267	206	336	462	208
Dec.	167	199	147	191	244	254	201	345	457	209
Jan.	166	210	147	187	246	239	209	346	488	210
Feb.	170	224	148	192	241	239	212	339	500	212
Mar.	170	227	148	197	241	267	225	339	515	214
Apr.	169	237	148	205	221	271	230	336	496	215
May	170	246	148	206	223	280	235	335	496	218
June	173	243	147	216	223	285	244	337	522	222
1978-79 -										
July	(c) 173	243	150	216	223	288	257	341	525	222
Aug.	175	246	151	227	228	272	265	348	563	226
Sept.	176	262	151	237	227	269	272	354	596	230
Oct.	176	270	152	231	233	277	276	365	627	232
Nov.	176	286	151	228	235	270	283	372	573	233
Dec.	177	301	151	227	236	280	291	384	584	238

(a) Comprises coal, iron and steel, copper, zinc, lead and silver. Does not include iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands, which however have been included in the "All groups" index from July 1969 on. (b) As from 1969-70 "All groups" includes the following items, in addition to the specified groups: iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands. (c) Nominal.

## CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES, VARIOUS COUNTRIES

(Base of each index: Year 1970 = 100.0)

(Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations)

The index numbers show fluctuations in prices in each country and do not measure relative price levels as between countries.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the various countries. A horizontal line placed above an index number (e.g. 179.3) indicates that the two series have been linked at that period.

Period	Australia (a)	Belgium (b)	Brazil (São Paulo) (c)	Canada	France	Federal Republic of Germany	India	Indonesia (Jakarta)	Italy	Japan	Nether- lands
1975	162.8	149.5	187.9	142.5	152.8	134.7	174.5	243.8	171.1	172.4	151.3
1976	184.9	163.2	154.3	153.2	166.9	140.8	160.9	292.2	199.8	188.4	164.6
1977	207.6	174.8	357.3	165.4	183.2	146.3	174.5	324.4	236.6	203.6	175.6
1977 -											
June qtr	205.5	173.7	349.0	163.7	181.0	146.5	172.3	319.3	233.8	204.2	175.8
Sept. qtr	209.5	176.3	370.6	167.3	185.3	146.9	178.1	329.0	239.7	204.8	176.9
Dec. qtr	214.5	178.3	397.0	170.9	188.8	147.2	179.3	337.8	247.7	206.5	178.8
1978											
Mar. qtr	217.2	180.6	n.y.a.	174.0	191.8	149.1	175.0	345.4	254.2	207.4	179.3
June qtr	221.7	181.4	n.y.a.	178.3	197.3	150.5	176.1	348.8	262.0	211.6	181.9
Sept. qtr	226.0	183.3	n.y.a.	182.8	202.5	150.4	n.y.a.	351.7	268.3	213.0	184.4
Period	New Zealand	Norway	Pakistan (Karachi) (d)	Philip- pines (e)	Singap- ore (f)	South Africa (g)	Sweden	Switzer- land	United Kingdom	United States of America	Malaysia (Peninsular) (h)
1975	162.8	149.5	198.2	166.9	125.5	156.7	146.6	144.8	184.4	138.6	142.2
1976	190.3	163.2	212.4	182.3	123.1	174.1	161.7	147.3	214.9	146.6	145.9
1977	217.7	178.0	233.9	200.3	127.0	193.8	180.1	149.2	249.0	156.1	152.8
1977 -											
June qtr	214.5	176.9	230.8	196.9	124.9	191.2	177.8	148.8	248.8	155.3	150.8
Sept. qtr	222.1	180.7	235.9	204.2	128.4	197.0	183.8	149.5	252.7	157.6	153.7
Dec. qtr	229.9	182.3	238.2	207.7	129.3	201.1	187.7	149.9	255.7	159.3	155.9
1978											
Mar. qtr	234.5	187.6	241.5	210.7	131.8	205.5	194.5	150.2	260.8	162.0	157.4
June qtr	240.7	189.2	243.5	211.1	131.8	209.4	197.2	150.8	267.9	166.2	158.8
Sept. qtr	246.7	194.8	255.4	216.3	134.4	220.6	198.9	151.0	272.6	170.1	162.0

(a) Consumer Price Index converted to base: 1970 = 100.0. (b) Rent is not included. (c) Beginning 1972, base: 1972 = 100.0. (d) Prior to 1972: Karachi only; industrial workers. Beginning 1972, base: 1971 = 100.0. (e) Base: 1971 = 100.0. Prior to 1976: Manila only. (f) Beginning 1974, new series, base: 1973 = 100.0. (g) White population. (h) Formerly known as West Malaysia.

## WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK

End of -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia	
							Rates	Index Nov. (Base: Year 1954-100)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE (a)								
Adult Males								
\$								
June -								
1975	113.31	112.73	115.83	111.01	106.35	112.59	112.78	399.3
1976	130.51	128.59	133.61	126.77	125.89	128.75	129.68	459.2
1977	155.96	142.47	147.63	140.64	141.99	142.50	143.95	509.7
1977-78 -								
Nov.	147.75	145.37	150.54	143.57	146.30	145.44	146.91	520.2
Dec.	149.93	147.50	152.76	145.69	148.55	147.58	149.08	527.9
Jan.	149.96	147.62	152.76	145.84	148.66	147.70	149.15	528.1
Feb.	152.22	149.79	155.03	148.01	150.74	149.86	151.37	536.0
Mar.	152.23	149.79	155.07	148.02	150.74	149.86	151.38	536.0
Apr.	152.17	149.80	155.07	147.99	150.77	149.86	151.36	535.9
May	152.16	149.80	155.07	147.99	150.78	149.86	151.35	535.9
June	154.05	151.77	157.05	149.84	152.58	151.78	153.26	542.7
1978-79 -								
July	154.06	151.77	157.05	149.84	152.61	151.79	153.28	542.7
Aug.	154.09	151.77	157.05	149.84	152.68	151.79	153.29	542.8
Sept. (b)	155.21	153.00	157.29	151.05	153.17	152.26	154.26	546.2
Oct. (b)	155.23	153.00	157.29	151.07	153.20	152.26	154.28	546.3
Nov. (b)	155.26	153.09	157.29	151.08	153.21	152.26	154.29	546.3
Dec. (b)	161.33	158.91	163.46	156.96	157.30	158.14	160.17	567.1
Adult Females								
\$								
June -								
1975	105.22	104.98	102.88	99.42	98.29	101.04	104.02	522.5
1976	120.48	120.70	122.04	120.28	115.34	116.94	120.36	604.6
1977	134.01	134.26	135.94	134.20	131.85	130.28	134.12	673.7
1977-78 -								
Nov.	136.68	136.92	138.69	136.87	134.83	132.90	136.81	687.2
Dec.	138.71	138.97	140.76	139.06	136.64	134.91	138.85	697.4
Jan.	138.78	138.97	140.76	139.06	137.29	134.91	138.91	697.8
Feb.	140.84	141.03	142.86	141.13	139.10	136.93	140.96	708.1
Mar.	140.84	141.03	142.86	141.13	139.10	136.93	140.96	708.1
Apr.	140.84	141.03	142.86	141.13	139.37	136.93	140.98	708.1
May	140.84	141.03	142.86	141.13	139.43	136.93	140.98	708.2
June	142.65	142.84	144.71	142.96	141.03	138.73	142.79	717.2
1978-79 -								
July	142.65	142.84	144.71	142.96	141.31	138.73	142.80	717.3
Aug.	142.65	142.84	144.71	142.96	141.31	138.73	142.80	717.3
Sept. (b)	142.94	143.07	144.77	143.31	141.36	138.80	143.03	718.4
Oct. (b)	142.94	143.07	144.77	143.31	141.64	138.80	143.04	718.5
Nov. (b)	142.94	143.07	144.77	143.31	141.64	138.80	143.04	718.5
Dec. (b)	148.56	148.75	150.54	148.99	146.58	144.34	148.67	746.8
WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK (c), DECEMBER 1978								
Adult males	39.71	39.90	39.82	39.90	39.78	39.87	39.80	99.61
Adult females	39.53	39.81	39.70	39.77	39.78	39.63	39.67	100.00

(a) For a full weeks work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements. The wage rates for adult males exclude rural industry. The wage rates for adult females exclude rural industry: mining and quarrying and building and construction. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. Figures for the latest twelve months are subject to revision. (b) Includes supplementary payments in the Metal Industry Award, Part I. (c) The hours for adult males exclude rural industry; and shipping and stevedoring. The hours for adult females exclude rural industry; mining and quarrying; and building and construction.

NOTE. For further information regarding these statistics reference should be made to the monthly bulletin *Wage Rates* (6312.0).

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a)

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<i>Period</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T. (b)</i>	<i>A.C.T. (b)</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
ORIGINAL									
1975-76	172.70	170.50	163.50	158.50	169.10	157.80	190.00	209.00	169.60
1976-77	193.60	191.10	184.50	179.50	190.80	181.20	216.70	237.70	190.70
1977-78	213.40	209.30	202.20	197.40	209.20	199.00	240.70	259.10	209.50
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	207.30	202.50	195.60	195.90	206.10	195.90	227.00	251.10	204.10
Dec. qtr	217.10	211.90	206.80	199.40	211.10	204.80	247.00	263.10	212.50
Mar. qtr	209.80	204.80	195.30	190.20	205.70	194.00	238.30	255.10	205.10
June qtr	219.40	217.90	211.20	203.90	213.90	201.10	250.50	266.90	216.30
1978-79 -									
Sept. qtr	223.10	218.60	209.20	206.90	218.60	205.50	250.80	271.70	218.90
Dec. qtr	233.30	232.10	220.40	212.50	224.20	216.30	263.30	283.20	228.90
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	208.50	204.10	196.30	194.30	205.80	195.20	230.60	250.90	204.50
Dec. qtr	210.00	201.90	198.10	193.50	206.40	195.90	237.90	258.70	205.20
Mar. qtr	215.60	213.40	205.30	196.80	212.20	201.90	243.30	259.30	213.00
June qtr	220.00	218.40	210.60	205.20	212.50	204.20	253.50	266.50	215.60
1978-79 -									
Sept. qtr	226.00	222.00	211.50	207.70	219.90	206.40	254.10	269.80	220.60
Dec. qtr	225.90	222.00	212.90	206.90	219.20	206.40	255.10	274.50	221.00

(a) Particulars of wages and salaries paid are not available for males and females separately; estimates have therefore been calculated in terms of male units, i.e. total male employees plus a proportion of female employees, the proportion being derived from the estimated ratio of female to male average earnings in each State. The ratio used in the current quarter for Australia is approximately 67 per cent. For further details on the separate State ratios see *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0). (b) Original series estimates have been calculated on a basis which excludes the effects of varying numbers of Australian Government pay-days in each quarter.

For a more detailed explanation of the methods used, see *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0).

## BUILDING, ETC.

## SUMMARY OF BUILDING APPROVED : ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

SUMMARY OF BUILDING APPROVED FOR ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED VALUES									
Period	New dwellings								
	Private			Government		Total			
	Number ('000)					Number ('000)			
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Value (\$m)	Number ('000)	Value (\$m)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Value (\$m)	
1975-76	134,205	--	3,007.2	11,908	249.6	146,113	--	3,256.8	
1976-77	127,300	--	3,227.8	14,074	313.1	141,374	--	3,540.9	
1977-78	110,823	--	3,040.2	12,949	310.1	123,772	--	3,350.3	
1977-78 -									
Dec.	8,522	9,367	233.7	1,378	33.3	9,900	10,833	267.1	
Jan.	7,258	9,228	200.4	504	12.2	7,762	10,170	212.7	
Feb.	7,962	9,018	219.3	782	18.3	8,744	9,799	237.6	
Mar.	9,151	9,203	249.6	911	21.1	10,062	10,184	270.7	
Apr.	8,760	8,846	244.3	1,270	29.6	10,030	10,043	273.9	
May	9,721	8,729	271.9	1,344	31.8	11,065	9,703	303.7	
June	9,693	8,917	272.1	1,352	32.8	11,045	9,877	304.9	
1978-79 -									
July	8,738	8,600	248.7	626	15.1	9,364	9,330	263.8	
Aug.	9,724	8,893	277.4	666	15.0	10,390	9,913	292.4	
Sept.	9,501	9,379	265.7	401	9.6	9,902	9,896	275.3	
Oct.	10,485	9,951	295.5	619	17.8	11,104	10,569	313.3	
Nov.	10,512	9,883	304.9	882	21.5	11,394	10,585	326.4	
Dec.	9,038	10,434	262.1	744	18.4	9,782	11,137	280.4	
Jan.	7,421	9,203	215.1	721	19.1	8,142	10,304	234.2	
Period	Alterations and additions (b) to dwellings			Other building (a)		Total building			
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original		Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
			Private	Total					Total
			Value (\$ million)						
1975-76	211.1	--	945.7	1,931.7	--	5,399.6	--		
1976-77	250.6	--	1,147.9	2,210.5	--	6,002.0	--		
1977-78	292.1	--	1,392.5	2,494.1	--	6,136.6	--		
1977-78 -									
Dec.	21.5	24.4	108.7	204.4	208.4	493.0	535.4		
Jan.	20.3	24.3	84.2	174.2	213.5	407.2	512.0		
Feb.	20.7	23.8	107.2	176.6	205.3	434.9	495.1		
Mar.	24.0	26.2	116.8	205.6	215.4	500.2	535.3		
Apr.	25.1	27.0	119.6	219.9	209.0	518.9	513.6		
May	26.9	25.5	149.9	231.7	197.5	562.3	482.9		
June	25.9	25.2	117.4	254.8	208.4	585.5	504.7		
1978-79 -									
July	23.8	23.7	114.9	181.0	187.9	468.6	451.8		
Aug.	28.8	25.1	146.9	251.9	263.5	573.1	589.9		
Sept.	29.4	26.4	155.8	218.2	231.4	522.8	522.8		
Oct.	31.2	27.1	150.2	238.1	219.8	582.5	545.4		
Nov.	28.3	26.0	138.2	225.5	222.3	580.2	553.8		
Dec.	22.6	26.9	104.9	157.1	169.7	460.1	516.1		
Jan.	22.3	25.7	97.3	182.5	221.4	439.1	531.8		

(a) Comprises other building (new plus alterations and additions) valued at \$10,000 and over. (b) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

NOTE: The value of alterations and additions to dwellings, valued at \$2,000 - \$9,999 approved in December 1978 was \$23.4m.



# BUILDING JOBS APPROVED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.I.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBERS OF NEW DWELLINGS									
1975-76	32,133	39,398	24,609	16,815	21,387	4,436	2,793	4,542	146,113
1976-77	36,798	36,626	25,673	14,392	19,062	4,402	1,579	2,842	141,374
1977-78	37,735	28,551	24,982	9,533	15,899	3,689	1,338	2,045	123,772
1977-78									
Dec.	3,069	2,264	2,071	725	1,257	322	56	136	9,900
Jan.	2,882	1,555	1,553	638	780	148	46	160	7,762
Feb.	2,586	2,217	1,759	560	1,220	276	22	104	8,744
Mar.	2,838	2,481	2,318	759	1,188	307	65	106	10,062
Apr.	3,204	2,477	1,702	836	1,303	287	83	138	10,030
May	3,271	2,935	2,079	778	1,327	304	123	248	11,065
June	3,598	2,300	2,308	719	1,448	360	192	120	11,045
1978-79									
July	2,977	2,006	1,907	765	1,182	288	150	89	9,364
Aug.	3,452	2,157	2,149	689	1,286	300	116	241	10,390
Sept.	3,272	2,176	2,088	614	1,153	316	79	204	9,902
Oct.	3,691	2,420	2,583	551	1,182	351	193	134	11,104
Nov.	3,499	2,542	2,498	977	1,236	320	72	246	11,394
Dec.	3,509	2,069	2,018	641	1,042	217	118	168	9,782
Jan.	2,735	1,773	1,687	517	1,006	223	39	162	8,142

## VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS (\$m)

1975-76	704.0	907.2	508.7	360.2	438.5	101.5	97.2	139.4	3,256.8
1976-77	890.1	962.0	613.0	356.0	469.0	110.5	52.3	87.8	3,540.9
1977-78	1,016.9	824.9	621.2	259.4	423.1	96.1	46.0	62.7	3,350.3
1977-78									
Dec.	83.6	66.5	50.7	20.0	32.1	8.3	1.9	4.0	267.1
Jan.	77.2	46.6	38.8	17.4	21.6	4.4	1.9	4.7	212.7
Feb.	69.6	63.2	43.5	15.9	34.3	6.7	0.9	3.5	237.6
Mar.	78.2	68.4	57.8	20.3	32.7	7.8	2.1	3.3	270.7
Apr.	87.4	72.0	42.5	22.7	34.7	7.6	2.8	4.2	273.9
May	90.4	83.4	53.4	21.1	35.4	8.3	4.0	7.6	303.7
June	99.6	66.6	59.3	20.8	38.7	9.6	6.5	3.7	304.9
1978-79									
July	84.8	60.4	49.9	21.2	32.0	7.6	4.3	3.6	263.8
Aug.	97.5	62.9	57.0	18.7	36.5	8.0	4.6	8.1	292.4
Sept.	92.0	63.9	52.2	18.0	31.5	8.8	2.4	6.6	275.3
Oct.	105.2	73.6	68.6	16.1	31.5	9.2	4.7	4.3	313.3
Nov.	101.4	75.0	68.5	27.6	34.8	9.1	2.2	7.8	326.4
Dec.	99.4	61.6	57.6	18.4	29.0	6.7	3.7	4.0	280.4
Jan.	84.2	51.2	44.1	15.4	27.2	6.1	1.0	5.0	234.2

## VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS (\$m) (a)

1975-76	77.2	53.2	11.3	12.2	10.2	2.3	35.2	9.6	211.1
1976-77	94.0	77.6	16.5	18.1	16.2	3.9	15.4	8.8	250.6
1977-78	116.2	88.4	17.4	20.0	24.7	4.8	12.6	7.9	292.1
1977-78									
Dec.	8.4	6.8	1.3	1.7	1.5	0.3	1.1	0.4	21.5
Jan.	9.0	5.4	1.1	1.4	1.9	0.3	0.6	0.6	20.3
Feb.	8.5	6.2	0.9	1.4	2.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	20.7
Mar.	9.6	7.1	1.3	2.0	2.1	0.4	1.0	0.5	24.0
Apr.	10.3	7.9	1.6	1.6	2.2	0.4	0.5	0.7	25.1
May	10.9	8.3	1.9	1.7	2.3	0.6	0.3	0.9	26.9
June	10.8	7.3	1.7	1.9	2.0	0.4	1.0	0.6	25.9
1978-79									
July	9.6	6.8	1.5	2.0	2.5	0.3	0.5	0.6	23.8
Aug.	12.4	8.2	1.8	1.9	2.8	0.5	0.2	1.1	28.8
Sept.	12.5	8.7	1.8	1.8	2.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	29.4
Oct.	13.3	9.0	2.0	2.2	2.9	0.5	0.5	0.8	31.2
Nov.	12.8	7.6	1.5	1.8	3.0	0.6	0.4	0.7	28.3
Dec.	9.7	6.7	1.2	1.6	2.5	0.2	0.2	0.4	22.6
Jan.	10.6	5.5	0.9	1.6	2.4	0.4	0.3	0.7	22.3

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

## BUILDING JOBS APPROVED - continued

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING (\$m)									
1975-76	554.1	512.8	370.5	154.9	182.5	54.8	41.7	60.2	1,931.7
1976-77	618.4	536.2	324.3	284.8	214.7	86.1	59.5	86.5	2,210.5
1977-78	669.8	696.7	426.8	201.3	268.3	86.8	64.2	80.3	2,494.1
1977-78 -									
Dec.	77.3	47.0	23.0	10.4	23.5	9.8	6.2	7.4	204.6
Jan.	51.1	48.5	21.8	26.5	17.0	3.7	1.4	4.2	174.2
Feb.	52.9	54.3	28.1	8.4	24.0	6.5	1.1	1.3	176.6
Mar.	53.2	57.6	49.5	12.5	16.4	5.8	3.7	6.8	205.6
Apr.	47.7	76.9	41.9	19.5	19.5	10.3	1.4	2.7	219.9
May	60.7	40.1	59.3	17.0	34.2	11.1	5.0	4.3	231.7
June	81.2	86.2	31.2	12.3	21.1	9.7	9.7	3.5	254.8
1978-79 -									
July	45.9	69.1	26.1	16.6	16.7	2.2	1.4	3.1	181.0
Aug.	63.7	62.8	80.7	17.5	15.7	6.0	0.8	4.8	251.9
Sept.	66.7	70.9	27.7	13.3	29.5	4.8	3.5	1.8	218.2
Oct.	76.8	65.2	39.0	12.3	17.3	15.0	1.2	11.4	238.1
Nov.	61.6	80.6	26.8	17.3	22.5	7.0	2.9	6.8	225.5
Dec.	47.4	39.5	34.2	11.2	21.1	2.3	1.0	0.4	157.1
Jan.	60.1	51.3	32.5	10.0	18.4	5.3	2.0	2.9	182.5

## VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING (\$m)

1975-76	1,335.4	1,473.2	890.5	527.3	631.1	158.7	174.1	209.2	5,399.6
1976-77	1,602.5	1,575.8	953.9	659.0	700.0	200.6	127.2	183.1	6,002.0
1977-78	1,802.9	1,610.0	1,065.4	480.7	716.2	187.7	122.8	150.9	6,136.6
1977-78 -									
Dec.	169.3	120.1	75.0	32.1	57.1	18.5	9.2	11.8	493.0
Jan.	137.4	100.5	61.6	45.3	40.5	8.5	3.9	9.5	407.2
Feb.	131.0	123.8	72.5	25.7	60.8	13.5	2.5	5.2	434.9
Mar.	141.0	133.2	108.6	34.8	51.1	14.0	6.8	10.7	500.2
Apr.	145.4	156.8	86.0	43.8	56.3	18.3	4.7	7.5	518.9
May	162.1	131.9	114.5	39.8	71.9	20.0	9.3	12.7	562.3
June	191.6	160.1	92.2	35.0	61.8	19.7	17.3	7.8	585.5
1978-79 -									
July	140.3	136.3	77.5	39.8	51.1	10.1	6.2	7.2	468.6
Aug.	173.6	133.9	139.5	38.1	55.0	14.5	4.6	14.0	573.1
Sept.	171.2	143.5	81.7	33.0	63.7	14.2	6.5	9.1	522.8
Oct.	195.3	147.8	109.6	30.6	51.6	24.7	6.4	16.5	582.5
Nov.	175.8	163.2	96.8	46.6	60.3	16.7	5.5	15.3	580.2
Dec.	156.5	107.8	93.0	31.2	52.6	9.1	4.9	4.9	460.1
Jan.	154.8	108.0	77.5	27.0	48.0	11.8	3.3	8.6	439.1

## NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED: AUSTRALIA

Period	Value (\$ million)							
	Number of new dwellings				Value (\$ million)			
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions (a) to dwellings	Other building	Total
ORIGINAL								
1975-76	106,559	30,499	123,766	137,058	3,124.4	206.1	963.7	5,238.2
1976-77	108,841	32,876	126,429	141,717	3,665.0	266.4	1,224.0	6,184.6
1977-78	93,971	24,725	105,496	118,696	3,365.0	298.7	1,492.0	6,205.0
1976-77 -								
June qtr	26,085	7,768	30,110	33,853	906.0	70.5	377.5	1,608.9
1977-78 -								
Sept. qtr	25,814	7,275	29,765	33,089	919.4	72.8	343.6	1,596.0
Dec. qtr	21,901	5,678	24,575	27,579	777.3	73.0	377.5	1,483.0
Mar. qtr	22,046	5,440	24,289	27,486	791.9	70.6	356.6	1,488.7
June qtr	24,210	6,332	26,867	30,542	876.4	82.2	414.4	1,661.5
1978-79 -								
Sept. qtr	23,095	5,987	26,343	29,082	875.7	76.3	396.9	1,672.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
1976-77 -					(b)		(b)	
June qtr	25,206	7,481	29,136	32,883	879.9	70.5	377.5	1,525.3
1977-78 -								
Sept. qtr	24,687	6,770	28,501	31,456	864.6	72.8	343.6	1,549.3
Dec. qtr	23,397	6,176	25,971	29,345	835.4	73.0	377.5	1,594.5
Mar. qtr	22,404	5,623	24,901	28,091	811.1	70.6	356.6	1,488.7
June qtr	23,407	6,100	25,990	29,676	851.7	82.2	414.4	1,573.5
1978-79 -								
Sept. qtr	22,073	5,564	25,215	27,620	822.6	76.3	396.9	1,623.1

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over. (b) Series shows only insignificant seasonal pattern in recent years. Figures shown are the original figures.

## NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMPLETED - AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of new dwellings				Value (\$ million)			
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions (a) to dwellings	Other building	Total building
							Private	Total
ORIGINAL								
1975-76	99,903	32,123	112,300	132,026	2,808.6	169.8	1,249.6	2,266.6
1976-77	110,423	34,365	129,568	144,788	3,635.1	252.5	1,336.4	2,446.5
1977-78	100,117	28,819	114,337	128,936	3,595.6	285.1	1,534.4	2,603.6
1976-77 -								
June qtr	27,223	9,131	32,053	36,354	950.9	69.2	348.1	674.5
1977-78 -								
Sept. qtr	26,905	7,487	30,261	34,392	927.6	69.4	355.5	641.2
Dec. qtr	26,825	8,362	30,768	35,187	982.7	75.2	385.1	677.3
Mar. qtr	21,922	6,308	25,621	28,230	799.1	66.4	366.7	600.0
June qtr	24,465	6,662	27,687	31,127	886.3	74.2	427.1	685.0
1978-79 -								
Sept. qtr	22,615	6,110	25,618	28,725	850.7	73.6	400.2	625.5

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

1976-77 -								
June qtr	26,876	8,498	31,608	35,374	933.3	70.9	351.4	691.2
1977-78 -								
Sept. qtr	26,627	7,734	30,216	34,255	921.4	68.0	374.6	654.5
Dec. qtr	24,661	7,812	28,599	32,612	906.3	69.3	347.3	633.7
Mar. qtr	24,684	7,137	28,238	31,790	898.6	72.2	395.9	616.6
June qtr	24,140	6,174	27,270	30,242	868.8	76.1	430.9	700.9
1978-79 -								
Sept. qtr	22,380	6,328	25,590	28,625	845.6	72.0	410.7	637.9

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

VALUE OF WORK DONE - AUSTRALIA  
(\$ million)

Period	New dwellings			Alterations and additions (a) to dwellings	Other building		Total building
	Houses	Other dwellings	Total		Private	Total	
ORIGINAL							
1975-76	2,488.6	567.1	3,055.7	190.7	1,214.3	2,348.5	5,595.0
1976-77	3,040.8	676.4	3,717.2	263.3	1,343.9	2,464.9	6,445.5
1977-78	2,925.1	609.2	3,534.3	295.2	1,489.5	2,680.4	6,509.9
1976-77							
June qtr	772.7	175.3	948.0	69.7	359.9	657.8	1,675.5
1977-78							
Sept. qtr	788.2	168.3	956.5	72.1	375.0	668.3	1,696.9
Dec. qtr	731.0	153.5	884.6	76.0	366.8	675.0	1,635.5
Mar. qtr	669.1	140.7	809.7	68.2	346.8	605.4	1,483.3
June qtr	736.8	146.7	883.5	79.0	401.0	731.8	1,694.2
1978-79							
Sept. qtr	726.8	154.4	881.2	74.9	427.6	747.2	1,703.2

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

1976-77 -							
June qtr	761.5	174.9	935.2	69.9	349.9	640.6	1,649.2
1977-78 -							
Sept. qtr	750.9	159.8	910.0	71.1	355.9	640.1	1,621.1
Dec. qtr	727.9	150.4	878.5	72.1	365.9	665.8	1,616.7
Mar. qtr	718.6	152.3	870.4	73.0	379.3	662.3	1,603.7
June qtr	726.3	146.4	871.8	79.3	389.5	711.9	1,666.6
1978-79 -							
Sept. qtr	692.0	146.6	839.8	73.6	405.6	737.2	1,627.0

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

## NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1978

State or Territory	Commenced		Completed		Under construction		Value of work done during period		Value of work yet to be done	
	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total
NUMBER OF NEW DWELLINGS										
N.S.W.	8,117	8,871	7,562	8,338	14,521	18,528	..	..	..	..
Vic.	6,019	6,593	6,627	6,990	16,547	18,159	..	..	..	..
Qld	5,697	5,991	5,725	6,136	6,464	6,944	..	..	..	..
S.A.	1,535	1,906	1,579	2,279	3,063	4,374	..	..	..	..
W.A.	3,595	3,844	2,932	3,257	5,630	5,934	..	..	..	..
Tas.	652	875	611	862	1,912	2,340	..	..	..	..
N.T.	154	428	117	322	498	1,030	..	..	..	..
A.C.T.	574	574	465	541	956	1,159	..	..	..	..
Aust.	26,343	29,082	25,618	28,725	49,591	58,468	..	..	..	..
VALUE OF NEW HOUSES (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	228.4	238.0	186.2	192.4	363.5	386.3	207.8	216.3	187.6	198.8
Vic.	162.1	172.1	184.1	190.4	449.7	477.8	181.2	191.1	225.0	235.9
Qld	127.3	131.0	129.0	138.5	133.9	141.4	129.7	135.5	68.3	71.1
S.A.	42.5	48.1	45.3	59.3	78.8	97.9	44.8	55.7	40.6	48.6
W.A.	85.0	88.2	70.3	77.3	134.9	137.8	79.1	83.9	67.1	68.4
Tas.	16.0	19.6	14.7	18.1	43.3	48.7	16.3	19.8	21.5	24.2
N.T.	4.0	11.7	4.5	10.1	15.5	30.7	4.2	9.3	7.7	15.5
A.C.T.	14.9	14.9	14.4	14.7	23.2	24.7	14.5	15.2	12.4	12.8
Aust.	680.3	723.7	648.5	700.8	1,242.9	1,345.2	677.6	726.8	630.0	675.3
VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	252.1	269.6	223.1	241.1	444.2	538.7	239.7	262.4	228.1	274.5
Vic.	190.2	202.7	210.5	217.9	529.7	565.0	209.1	221.3	264.2	277.8
Qld	170.0	179.5	165.0	175.6	205.6	219.5	167.2	174.6	110.0	117.9
S.A.	47.9	57.4	49.8	68.5	99.6	134.0	51.4	67.6	52.0	66.1
W.A.	103.8	109.8	86.4	95.1	173.5	180.4	95.2	101.6	87.5	91.4
Tas.	18.8	24.0	18.2	23.6	54.3	63.5	19.5	24.8	26.9	31.3
N.T.	5.3	14.4	5.1	11.6	18.7	35.8	5.0	10.6	9.4	18.7
A.C.T.	18.2	18.2	15.2	17.4	32.3	37.9	16.8	18.2	17.6	19.1
Aust.	806.4	875.7	773.4	850.7	1,557.9	1,774.9	803.9	881.2	795.6	896.9
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS (a) TO DWELLINGS (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	32.0	32.1	25.9	26.0	42.9	43.0	28.7	28.8	21.4	21.4
Vic.	20.6	20.6	23.3	23.3	44.5	44.5	22.3	22.3	21.6	21.6
Qld	7.0	7.1	6.4	6.4	2.3	2.5	6.8	6.8	1.1	1.2
S.A.	4.7	4.8	4.3	4.3	5.1	5.1	4.6	4.6	2.5	2.5
W.A.	7.0	7.0	6.4	6.4	7.9	8.0	6.7	6.8	4.1	4.1
Tas.	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.6	1.6	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7
N.T.	1.2	1.8	2.5	4.3	7.3	8.0	1.9	2.8	3.6	3.9
A.C.T.	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.9	2.9	1.9	1.9	1.4	1.4
Aust.	75.5	76.3	71.6	73.6	114.6	115.7	73.7	74.9	56.3	56.9
VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	118.1	220.0	125.7	183.3	420.5	999.9	130.8	214.4	186.7	449.0
Vic.	119.0	201.7	117.9	186.2	438.8	896.6	117.2	192.2	212.1	442.9
Qld	90.9	148.2	62.4	97.4	119.7	417.2	72.7	114.1	69.5	227.5
S.A.	18.8	50.9	28.7	47.4	92.2	224.2	32.0	60.9	44.9	103.0
W.A.	35.7	61.5	42.2	60.2	108.7	304.9	52.4	90.4	38.7	120.9
Tas.	8.6	20.0	10.5	12.9	23.5	103.1	10.7	24.0	10.7	51.3
N.T.	2.5	9.8	2.7	9.7	16.4	111.3	3.4	16.0	8.4	38.8
A.C.T.	3.4	8.8	10.2	28.4	38.6	285.6	8.4	35.2	7.4	112.9
Aust.	396.9	721.0	400.2	625.5	1,258.4	3,342.9	427.6	747.2	578.2	1,546.3
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	402.2	521.8	374.7	450.4	907.6	1,581.7	399.1	505.6	436.1	744.9
Vic.	329.8	425.0	351.7	427.4	1,013.1	1,506.2	348.6	435.8	497.8	742.3
Qld	268.0	334.8	233.8	279.5	327.6	639.2	246.7	295.5	180.5	346.5
S.A.	71.5	113.1	82.9	120.2	196.9	363.4	88.0	133.1	99.4	171.6
W.A.	146.5	178.4	135.0	161.7	290.0	493.3	154.3	198.8	130.3	216.4
Tas.	28.4	45.1	29.5	37.3	79.4	168.2	31.1	49.7	38.4	83.4
N.T.	9.0	26.0	10.3	25.6	42.4	155.1	10.3	29.4	21.3	61.4
A.C.T.	23.5	28.9	27.4	47.7	73.8	326.4	27.1	55.3	26.4	133.4
Aust.	1,278.8	1,672.9	1,245.2	1,549.8	2,930.9	5,233.5	1,305.2	1,703.2	1,430.2	2,500.0

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

## NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES, SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in expenditure by private enterprises on new fixed tangible assets. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Gross fixed capital expenditure* in the table on page 36 of this publication as a result of the different methods of compilation of the two sets of statistics.

ASIC Subdivision										
Quarter	Manufacturing									Total (21-34)
	Mining (11, 16)	Food, beverages and tobacco (21, 22)	Textiles, clothing and footwear (23, 24)	Paper, paper products, printing and publishing (26)	Chemicals, petroleum and coal products (27)	Basic metal products (29)	Transport equipment (32)	Fabricated metal products (a) (31, 33)	Other (b) (25, 28, 34)	
1977-78 -										
Sept.	154.2	113.6	12.4	30.0	81.7	58.2	48.3	59.0	80.1	483.3
Dec.	230.4	123.3	13.0	38.4	84.1	72.9	56.6	70.4	82.7	541.4
Mar.	174.8	121.0	9.2	28.5	70.2	53.2	55.0	73.6	86.0	496.7
June	244.7	130.2	21.9	43.5	90.1	73.1	59.4	69.7	94.5	582.4
1978-79 -										
Sept.	267.0	108.1	13.9	42.9	106.8	68.0	71.4	87.8	96.8	565.7
Dec. p	271.9	132.7	22.7	49.6	135.0	96.0	55.9	77.6	95.2	664.7

ASIC Subdivision										
Quarter	Non-manufacturing				Total new capital expenditure (d)	Type of asset				
	Electricity, gas and water	Wholesale and retail trade	Transport	All other (c)		New buildings and structures (e)	Other new capital equipment (f)			
					Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
		(36, 37)	(46, 48)	(51, 55)	(56, 61, 63, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000					
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
1977-78 -										
Sept.	6.2	273.5	62.2	1617.2	11,596.6	491.9	484.0	11,104.7	11,115.4	
Dec.	6.6	276.2	102.4	1660.3	11,817.3	554.3	498.4	11,263.0	11,179.6	
Mar.	3.9	198.9	72.1	1562.9	11,509.3	397.8	478.3	11,111.5	11,264.3	
June	5.5	317.5	106.4	1808.7	12,065.2	517.1	497.2	11,548.1	11,461.1	
1978-79 -										
Sept.	3.2	251.9	91.1	798.1	1,977.0	1,979.4	523.3	1,453.7	1,467.7	
Dec. p	6.7	348.4	96.2	876.0	2,263.9	2,092.1	658.7	1,605.2	1,499.5	

(a) Fabricated metal products, other industrial machinery and equipment and household appliances. (b) Wood, wood products and furniture (except sheet metal), glass, clay and other non-metallic mineral products, leather, rubber and plastic products and other manufacturing, n.e.c. (c) Finance, insurance, real estate, business services, communication, entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services. (d) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction. (e) Includes houses, flats and home units, water and sewerage installations, lifts, heating, ventilating and similar equipment forming an integral part of buildings and structures, land and construction site development, roads, bridges, wharves, harbours, railway lines, pipelines, power and telephone lines. Also includes the value of expenditure on mine development (e.g. construction of shafts in underground mines, preparation of mining and quarrying sites for open-cut extraction), on development operations undertaken primarily for commencing or extending production. (f) Includes plant, machinery, vehicles, electrical apparatus, other equipment, furniture, fixtures and fittings not forming an integral part of buildings, durable containers, special tooling, etc. also includes goods imported from overseas whether previously used outside Australia or not.

## INCREASE IN BOOK VALUE OF STOCKS HELD BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in investment in stocks by private enterprises. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Increase in stocks* in the table on page 36 as a result of the different methods of compilation of these two sets of statistics.

Quarter	Increase in book value of stocks for selected ASIC subdivisions				Total (11, 36, 46, 48, 92)	Less stock valuation adjustment (b)	Increase in stocks after stock valuation adjustment (b)
	Mining (11, 16)	Manufacturing (21, 34)	Wholesale trade (46, 47)	Retail trade (48)			
1976-77 -							
June	+8	+332	+159	+203	+702	+337	+365
1977-78 -							
Sept.	+49	+253	+55	+220	+597	+368	+225
Dec.	+46	+99	+174	+11	+256	+311	+183
Mar.	+1	+161	+76	+15	+256	+290	+34
June	+12	+193	+100	+88	+366	+334	+32
1978-79 -							
Sept.	+2	+186	+93	+208	+482	+449	+33

(a) Includes electricity and gas, restaurants, hotels and clubs. (b) Informants are asked to report the book value of their stocks at the end of each quarter according to their normal principles of valuing stocks for balance sheet purposes. Increases in the book value of stocks between the beginning and end of a quarter will partly reflect changes in the physical quantities of all component items and partly changes in price at which stocks are valued. A stock valuation adjustment is deducted from the increase in book value of stocks to arrive at the increase in stocks valued at the average price of the quarter.

## PRODUCTION

## MINE PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS

Period	Copper (a)	Lead (a)	Zinc (a)	Tin (a)	Nickel (a)	Bauxite	Iron ore	Gold (a) (b)	Mineral sands concentrates		
									Ilmenite	Rutile	Zircon
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	kg	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1975-76	217,439	395,633	481,610	9,442	81,030	21,084	92,672	17,422	948,792	362,769	384,823
1976-77	211,215	416,291	475,488	10,340	82,088	25,469	95,602	15,305	1,048,217	380,684	420,186
1977-78	221,077	414,991	482,469	11,364	87,144	24,826	90,261	21,321	1,153,407	279,732	373,926
1977-78											
Nov.	20,389	40,949	46,679	1,007	21,366	6,649	24,285	1,861	95,340	27,212	32,998
Dec.	18,696	28,769	30,144	954				2,050	80,908	20,904	27,497
Jan.	16,448	22,892	25,906	1,001				1,455	73,590	13,514	15,927
Feb.	15,253	32,054	42,062	906	22,046	5,754	20,257	1,686	84,409	17,451	22,836
Mar.	17,964	34,022	37,767	1,017				2,090	96,812	26,872	30,044
Apr.	18,329	28,772	32,515	1,032	19,486	5,972	19,257	1,510	102,365	21,882	29,999
May	20,052	32,243	39,187	963				1,536	96,822	23,808	34,184
June	17,350	36,126	45,149	1,010				1,590	134,348	26,915	37,087
1978-79											
July	17,016	35,205	41,265	1,029	20,633	5,829	21,692	1,819	109,885	22,303	23,716
Aug.	20,594	40,611	48,505	982				2,306	105,316	20,904	23,506
Sept.	20,623	36,734	43,156	938				1,588	106,396	20,825	40,247
Oct.	19,837	35,558	39,381	960	18,785	6,737	20,020	1,605	103,785	21,183	36,360
Nov.	17,915	40,692	45,206	993				1,393	106,023	23,021	37,236
Dec.	16,885	25,451	30,092	887				1,405	91,908	22,607	36,886

(a) Quantities shown are metallic contents of mine products based on chemical assay. (b) Western Australian and Northern Territory gold production figures (in respect of major producers) normally relate to a four-week period ending in the calendar month indicated. However, two such periods ended in the calendar month of March 1978 for Western Australia and August 1978 for the Northern Territory.

## PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS AND METALS

## Fuel minerals

Period	Black coal		Refined metals (a)								
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Brown coal	Crude oil	Natural gas	Aluminium (b)	Aluminium (b)	Copper (b)	Lead (b) (c)	Zinc (b)	Tin (b)
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 cu m	million cu m	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1975-76	69,466	...	29,212	23,891	5,388	5,619	220,027	164,279	168,183	204,534	5,386
1976-77	75,678	...	31,028	24,555	6,365	6,474	236,943	157,452	165,582	258,564	5,373
1977-78	78,919	...	30,504	25,323	6,953	6,741	259,592	155,353	207,939	261,565	5,993
1977-78											
Nov.	7,532	6,546	2,312	1,986	538	532	21,354	13,562	18,265	20,074	524
Dec.	5,329	6,367	2,681	2,071	502	584	22,121	10,990	19,588	20,223	666
Jan.	4,721	7,062	2,265	2,218	478	575	22,206	11,767	18,084	21,963	336
Feb.	6,704	6,541	2,307	1,985	488	492	20,041	12,941	14,129	19,131	469
Mar.	6,101	7,000	2,944	2,231	541	542	21,961	14,011	14,862	22,305	496
Apr.	6,596	6,561	2,628	2,014	556	553	21,523	14,652	15,336	22,313	460
May	8,249	6,963	3,045	2,102	631	574	22,496	14,845	16,180	24,547	395
June	6,116	5,510	3,021	2,142	692	532	21,520	13,303	17,534	22,872	629
1978-79											
July	6,117	5,826	3,182	2,132	760	568	22,487	13,935	19,302	27,781	225
Aug.	6,998	7,490	3,034	2,167	725	569	22,349	11,007	18,306	27,315	427
Sept.	6,910	6,842	2,735	1,947	665	597	21,710	12,867	15,336	26,063	566
Oct.	7,884	6,993	2,746	2,001	624	605	22,484	12,385	18,686	25,729	356
Nov.	8,437	7,342	2,492	2,092	581	555	22,325	11,876	17,887	26,189	179
Dec.	4,996	6,471	2,470	2,157	546	614	22,259	9,043	18,377	25,954	591

(a) Primary origin only. (b) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources. (c) Refined lead including lead content of lead alloys from primary sources; excludes lead content of lead silver bullion produced for export.

## PRODUCTION OF ENERGY, IRON AND STEEL AND BUILDING MATERIALS

Period	Heat, light and power				Iron and steel				
	Gas available for issue through mains (a)		Total electricity generated		Pig iron		Iron ore pellets (b)	Raw steel (c)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted
	million megajoules	million megajoules	million kWh	million kWh	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
1975-76	203,623	..	76,597	..	7,519	..	9,980	7,937	..
1976-77	231,882	..	82,522	..	6,958	..	9,761	7,473	..
1977-78	258,789	..	85,984	..	7,096	..	9,299	7,532	..
1977-78p --									
Dec.	18,488	21,672	6,715	7,231	546	538	733	594	578
Jan.	17,243	21,822	6,544	7,289	592	579	611	669	654
Feb.	18,284	22,028	6,420	7,262	597	633	607	603	651
Mar.	20,226	22,174	7,098	7,423	673	650	898	675	651
Apr.	20,903	22,425	6,864	7,313	613	631	741	573	617
May	23,768	22,514	7,676	7,275	651	632	613	706	670
June	26,323	22,761	8,070	7,355	646	656	748	694	731
1978-79 --									
July	28,038	23,063	8,555	7,484	594	602	591	627	633
Aug.	26,776	22,145	8,386	7,461	599	581	688	551	548
Sept.	22,886	21,231	7,553	7,370	577	579	1,007	593	586
Oct.	22,622	21,724	7,398	7,397	626	617	877	660	617
Nov.	22,404	24,239	7,112	7,539	573	601	1,024	597	617
Dec.	19,795	23,298	6,886	7,487	596	591	1,066	641	636
Jan.	18,839	23,712	7,078	7,780	631	614	n.y.a.	664	641
Period	Iron and steel -- continued				Building materials				
	Blooms and slabs		Tinplate		Clay bricks		Roofing tiles (terracotta and concrete)	Sawn Aust. grown timber (d)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted			
		'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	million	million	'000	'000 cu. metres
1975-76	5,566	..	282,241	..	1,834	..	218,645	3,462	
1976-77	6,028	..	340,556	..	2,042	..	229,892	3,468	
1977-78	6,517	..	333,026	..	1,895	..	204,702	3,538	
1977-78p --									
Dec.	524	512	31,251	31,126	140	158	14,810	266	
Jan.	583	574	26,922	26,633	101	160	7,507	202	
Feb.	522	561	28,341	32,164	156	160	16,684	306	
Mar.	550	570	26,773	27,296	164	162	17,567	283	
Apr.	475	523	20,173	20,071	151	154	16,614	302	
May	547	546	26,666	26,434	171	153	19,279	316	
June	581	568	26,175	26,484	165	156	16,588	308	
1978-79 --									
July	618	619	25,406	25,631	149	146	16,193	257	
Aug.	542	540	28,286	27,053	162	145	18,623	294	
Sept.	565	539	31,231	31,195	159	151	17,351	257	
Oct.	576	540	31,588	29,352	167	154	14,166	236	
Nov.	516	511	28,104	27,909	172	163	20,045	310	
Dec.	571	569	29,020	28,846	143	167	14,534	238	
Jan.	592	584	31,282	31,548	117	178	8,709	n.y.a.	

(a) Includes natural gas. (b) Gross wet weight. (c) Includes recovery from scrap. (d) Source: Australian Forestry and Timber Bureau. Figures are expressed in terms of green off sawn volumes.

**PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS, BUILDING FITTINGS,  
FLOOR COVERINGS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES**

BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES										Household appliances	
Period	Building materials - continued				Building fittings			Floor coverings (a)		Electric blankets (including mattress overlays) (b)	Electric propeller type fans (complete) (c)
	Portland cement		Plaster sheets (non-acoustic)	Plaster of paris	Baths C.I.P.E. and other	Wash basins earthenware	Sinks-stainless steel	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
	Original	Seasonally adjusted									
1975-76	5,007	..	46,076	355	180,629	355,120	243,862	38,545	..	520,574	533,323
1976-77	5,039	..	50,503	387	178,694	297,278	259,683	35,004	..	599,117	499,210
1977-78	5,021	..	48,116	369	160,221	229,814	218,036	33,045	..	682,324	320,613
1977-78p -											
Dec.	413	423	3,539	79.5	13,323	16,863	13,396	2,563	2,867	50,233	35,555
Jan.	278	412	1,410		3,721	5,480	6,933	977	2,176	16,547	18,842
Feb.	421	435	4,401		14,549	17,821	18,790	2,816	2,808	75,780	27,343
Mar.	423	423	4,207		14,924	18,509	17,958	3,000	2,788	84,074	24,057
Apr.	421	412	3,830	94.6	14,702	14,947	20,236	2,688	2,758	75,197	15,512
May	432	411	4,809		15,022	22,764	21,080	2,961	2,709	74,835	11,665
June	408	403	3,694		14,225	21,677	19,791	2,980	3,013	66,607	19,932
1978-79 -											
July	397	373	3,625	91.8	12,549	20,256	20,096	2,968	2,905	33,894	28,900
Aug.	438	423	4,316		14,811	19,531	23,129	3,199	2,878	66,191	36,934
Sept.	477	458	3,952		12,080	21,492	19,500	3,123	2,766	56,293	47,822
Oct.	436	411	4,247		15,215	22,085	18,733	3,268	2,945	69,465	47,978
Nov.	455	426	4,990	98.2	13,299	24,181	19,302	3,091	2,718	66,807	46,527
Dec.	407	416	3,869		9,941	19,090	13,544	2,513	2,881	46,828	35,728
Jan.	298	449	2,087		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1,154	2,469	19,758	14,348
Household appliances - continued											
Period	Domestic cooking stoves			Domestic refrigerators		Domestic clothes washing machines		Hot water jugs and kettles			
	Solid fuel	Gas (d) upright or elevated	Electric (e)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted				
									No.	No.	No.
1975-76	4,184	109,608	335,570	244,490	..	354,779	..	655,371			
1976-77	3,801	109,197	306,861	267,771	..	298,689	..	610,633			
1977-78	3,042	96,212	287,270	266,168	..	273,620	..	617,800			
1977-78p -											
Dec.	240	6,614	21,805	18,258	19,753	17,521	21,525	50,007			
Jan.	(a)	2,514	10,883	12,565	20,879	10,527	20,958	17,845			
Feb.	(a)	8,931	24,605	23,965	24,139	21,463	22,842	56,434			
Mar.	230	8,335	25,642	20,140	19,814	21,733	22,062	55,955			
Apr.	222	8,073	23,820	14,742	18,409	18,896	23,255	52,207			
May	312	9,232	23,863	22,295	22,449	26,616	23,410	60,347			
June	302	8,576	24,754	23,097	23,698	26,932	26,283	52,273			
1978-79 -											
July	229	8,556	21,772	22,357	22,516	25,383	23,955	44,062			
Aug.	330	9,252	26,774	20,415	17,328	32,500	26,605	58,469			
Sept.	311	8,180	27,153	22,413	19,525	33,133	28,671	49,810			
Oct.	225	8,580	27,152	22,367	19,517	31,602	27,855	59,013			
Nov.	283	9,069	28,586	25,736	20,555	37,289	30,464	66,754			
Dec.	196	6,970	19,609	16,450	18,870	24,959	32,094	49,652			
Jan.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	11,463	17,988	20,205	38,533	23,700			

*Household appliances - continued*

Period	Domestic cooking stoves			Domestic refrigerators		Domestic clothes washing machines		Hot water jugs and kettles
	Solid fuel	Gas (d) upright or elevated	Electric (e)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
1975-76	4,184	109,608	335,570	244,490	..	354,779	..	655,371
1976-77	3,801	109,197	306,861	267,771	..	298,689	..	610,633
1977-78	3,042	96,212	287,270	266,168	..	273,620	..	617,800
1977-78p -								
Dec.	240	6,614	21,805	18,258	19,753	17,521	21,525	50,007
Jan.	(a)	2,514	10,883	12,565	20,879	10,577	20,958	17,845
Feb.	(a)	8,931	24,605	23,965	24,139	21,463	22,842	56,434
Mar.	230	8,335	25,642	20,140	19,814	21,733	22,062	55,955
Apr.	222	8,073	23,820	14,742	18,409	18,896	23,255	52,207
May	312	9,232	23,863	22,295	22,449	26,616	23,410	60,347
June	302	8,576	24,754	23,097	23,698	26,932	26,283	52,273
1978-79 -								
July	229	8,556	21,772	22,357	22,516	25,383	23,955	44,062
Aug.	330	9,252	26,774	20,415	17,328	32,500	26,605	58,469
Sept.	311	8,180	27,153	22,413	19,525	33,133	28,671	49,810
Oct.	225	8,580	27,152	22,367	19,517	31,602	27,855	59,013
Nov.	283	9,069	28,586	25,736	20,555	37,289	30,464	66,754
Dec.	196	6,970	19,609	16,450	18,870	24,959	32,094	49,652
Jan.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	11,463	17,988	20,205	38,533	23,700

(a) Excludes underfelts and underlays. (b) Excludes heating pads. (c) Excludes fans incorporated in other equipment or used with ducting. (d) Town, liquefied petroleum and natural gas stoves and ranges. Includes wall ovens. (e) Includes fixed ranges, wall ovens, cooking tops, grill-boilers and other ranges.



(a) Includes combinations with radio and/or record player. (b) Includes package unit air conditioners. (c) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor, aero, etc., and marine engines. (d) Includes the butter equivalent of butter oil production. *Source:* Prior to July 1977, Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Ltd and State Departments of Agriculture; from July 1977, source is Australian Dairy Corporation and State Departments of Agriculture. (e) See footnote (d) for *Source*. (f) Dressed weight of all birds (chickens, other fowls, ducks and drakes, and turkeys) including pieces and giblets. (g) Whole milk equivalent.

## PRODUCTION OF FLOUR, SUGAR, BEER, TOBACCO, CHEMICALS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TYRES

Chemicals and allied products												
Period	Wheaten flour	Refined sugar (a)	Beer (b)		Tobacco and cigarettes		Sulphuric acid (100%)		Super phosphate (d)	Sulphate of ammonia	Paints	
			Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original (c)	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted			Ready mixed paints and enamels	Lacquers nitro-cellulose
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	'000 litres
1975-76	1,240	723.2	1,932	..	31,761	..	1,295	..	2,185	220	91.0	4,909
1976-77	1,182	732.2	1,939	..	29,646	..	1,721	..	3,137	202	89.2	4,392
1977-78 p	1,087	739.2	1,983	..	30,389	..	1,820	..	3,388	217	86.3	4,299
1977-78p —												
Dec.	78	67.8	199	164	2,147	2,567	158	139	304	17.47	6.87	339
Jan.	78	61.5	169	168	1,231	2,431	172	157	270	20.36	5.10	203
Feb.	89	60.2	163	170	2,999	2,864	160	153	317	15.11	7.20	409
Mar.	92	68.7	178	167	2,989	2,738	170	164	352	18.78	7.87	435
Apr.	94	60.3	156	168	2,212	2,253	189	167	411	20.36	6.43	327
May	101	55.9	166	166	2,193	2,037	177	163	373	19.58	7.84	416
June	91	51.2	138	163	2,939	2,586	147	160	273	11.17	7.11	362
1978-79p —												
July	86	55.8	139	162	2,850	2,540	117	153	210	18.27	6.80	391
Aug.	106	63.4	151	160	2,656	2,340	113	143	176	16.10	7.29	409
Sept.	85	65.6	138	146	1,808	2,159	145	149	246	18.80	7.17	451
Oct.	90	65.1	169	157	2,461	2,254	156	159	272	21.93	7.08	431
Nov.	102	64.2	195	171	2,984	2,698	151	146	286	26.55	9.15	471
Dec.	n.y.a.	60.9	215	185	1,934	2,371	173	154	271	16.36	6.56	366
Jan.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	171	163	1,323	2,535	166	156	309	12.83	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
Motor vehicles (c)												Pneumatic tyres-motor cycle, car, truck, aero, etc. (g)
Period	Cars and station wagons		Utilities and panel vans		Trucks and truck-type vehicles		Total motor vehicles (f)					
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000		
1975-76	369,339	..	25,179	29,857	..	30,988	..	456,164	..	8,384		
1976-77	367,272	..	24,902	26,031	..	33,403	..	452,592	..	7,859		
1977-78	315,392	..	20,920	19,371	..	28,677	..	384,966	..	7,130		
1977-78p —												
Dec.	23,874	27,806	1,786	1,723	3,985	1,991	2,312	29,391	34,508	599		
Jan.	10,892	33,008	751	548	3,886	943	2,478	13,142	38,458	278		
Feb.	28,540	28,820	1,953	1,703	3,698	2,453	2,498	34,683	35,257	662		
Mar.	31,090	29,198	1,856	1,724	3,420	2,472	2,467	37,242	35,333	569		
Apr.	27,450	28,357	1,784	1,281	3,072	2,404	2,465	33,034	34,364	631		
May	32,522	27,217	2,015	1,493	3,067	2,965	2,612	39,076	32,553	609		
June	28,657	26,886	1,685	1,484	2,943	2,946	2,724	34,829	32,631	680		
1978-79p —												
July	31,845	31,422	1,849	1,382	2,963	2,935	2,690	38,052	37,501	659		
Aug.	25,093	22,842	1,509	1,269	2,561	3,005	2,487	30,975	27,584	726		
Sept.	31,514	28,720	1,811	1,210	2,606	2,726	2,328	37,324	33,832	689		
Oct.	34,693	30,033	1,655	1,253	2,791	3,181	3,057	40,837	35,546	680		
Nov.	36,431	31,137	1,726	1,070	2,436	2,804	2,609	42,108	36,346	632		
Dec.	27,762	33,982	1,276	902	2,463	2,020	2,448	31,998	39,616	447		
Jan.	10,545	31,262	1,078	910	5,962	969	2,464	13,516	38,302	267		

(a) Source: Monthly figures, Department of Primary Industry. (b) Excludes waste beer. (c) Source: Department of Business and Consumer Affairs. (d) Includes double and triple superphosphate and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single superphosphate, i.e. 22% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> equivalent. (e) Finished and partly finished motor vehicles. (f) Includes buses and ambulances. (g) Source: Australian Tyre Manufacturers Association Limited.

## PRODUCTION OF WOOL, YARNS AND TEXTILES

Period	Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool (a)		Scoured and carbonised wool (c)	Yarns (d)					Cellulosic fibre (including mixtures) Original
	Total receipts	Percentage of total received by brokers (b)		Cotton		Wool			
				Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
	'000 tonnes	%	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	
1975-76	686.9	76.5	69.9	24,761	..	22,558	..	3,676	
1976-77	628.0	75.9	72.8	20,886	..	19,345	..	2,422	
1977-78 p	614.4	74.7	72.3	22,402	..	19,758	..	1,461	
1977-78p -									
Dec.	49.1	73.2	18.6	1,644	2,092	1,340	1,696	129	
Jan.	26.9	75.6		721	1,821	771	1,700	64	
Feb.	32.7	74.2		1,759	1,787	1,875	1,790	85	
Mar.	38.9	67.9		1,899	1,764	1,800	1,735	80	
Apr.	30.2	67.9	21.3	1,758	1,922	1,694	1,782	101	
May	29.6	68.9		2,103	1,832	1,865	1,603	117	
June	21.0	62.0		2,227	1,979	1,753	1,674	81	
1978-79p -									
July	28.8	71.1	18.3	2,061	1,957	1,763	1,690	83	
Aug.	73.0	76.1		2,074	1,759	1,872	1,587	60	
Sept.	88.2	76.5		2,105	1,830	1,816	1,711	85	
Oct.	107.5	78.0		1,793	1,662	1,753	1,582	113	
Nov.	90.8	76.0	19.4	1,857	1,709	1,856	1,705	66	
Dec.	52.5	72.7		1,426	1,819	1,371	1,787	65	
Jan.	37.7	73.4		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

Textiles									
Woven cloth (d) (e)									
Period	Cotton (f)		Wool (g)		Cellulosic fibre		Synthetic fibre		Blankets (h)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000
1975-76	46,661	..	8,376	..	16,725	..	97,810	..	2,031
1976-77	39,608	..	6,539	..	16,595	..	96,883	..	1,581
1977-78	36,964	..	6,661	..	15,171	..	103,449	..	1,449
1977-78p -									
Dec.	2,856	3,220	515	589	983	1,123	7,928	9,677	94
Jan.	1,257	3,154	302	584	288	1,075	3,538	9,854	50
Feb.	3,070	3,094	586	526	1,251	1,324	8,497	8,534	115
Mar.	3,125	2,946	661	574	1,321	1,250	8,458	8,341	127
Apr.	2,847	3,219	602	628	1,302	1,273	7,879	8,511	133
May	3,165	2,936	589	532	1,592	1,453	8,862	7,911	159
June	3,559	3,102	587	672	1,632	1,391	10,158	8,480	153
1978-79p -									
July	3,992	3,899	606	646	1,452	1,370	9,523	8,900	132
Aug.	3,762	3,388	710	649	1,652	1,434	9,701	8,286	117
Sept.	4,314	3,534	662	657	1,554	1,399	9,175	8,327	77
Oct.	3,898	3,581	814	744	1,744	1,582	10,461	9,362	83
Nov.	3,655	3,418	818	659	1,557	1,375	10,238	9,291	88
Dec.	2,777	3,111	626	728	1,205	1,391	7,659	9,673	68
Jan.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Amounts of taxable wool received by brokers and dealers from wool producers. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) As from April 1976 published on a quarterly basis. (d) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named. (e) Over 30 centimetres wide. (f) Excludes towels and towelling. (g) Excludes blanketing and rug material. (h) Prior to 1975-76 excludes tufted blankets.

## PRODUCTION OF CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS

Clothing										
Period	Hosiery		Men's and youths			Underwear			Boots, shoes and sandals (c)	
	Men's	Women's full length (a)	Short length coats and jackets (b)		Sports trousers	Shirts, men's and boys'	Men's and boys'	Women's and girls'		
			Suit	Other						
'000 doz. pairs	'000 doz. pairs	'000	'000	'000	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 pairs		
1975-76	2,007	6,316	825	1,148	4,344	2,861	2,125	3,647	30,224	
1976-77	1,881	6,030	773	892	4,071	2,501	2,382	3,945	26,756	
1977-78	1,645	5,295	704	686	4,113	2,695	2,380	3,391	28,032	
1977-78p -										
Dec.	123	430	58.0	38.1	306	202	199	278	1,970	
Jan.	68	272	17.9	22.5	134	76	65	101	1,141	
Feb.	134	487	49.8	65.6	368	205	207	287	2,409	
Mar.	133	473	48.6	74.3	397	196	211	299	2,502	
Apr.	133	497	49.9	86.4	375	191	170	262	2,379	
May	151	474	58.7	85.5	427	221	204	283	2,625	
June	164	535	54.9	52.8	322	228	186	254	2,678	
1978-79p --										
July	155	495	58.8	58.9	321	246	184	259	2,716	
Aug.	169	544	68.0	60.2	347	307	206	262	2,952	
Sept.	168	523	71.9	50.2	348	245	161	249	2,764	
Oct.	168	630	69.7	57.5	368	281	184	284	2,982	
Nov.	149	553	61.7	53.5	399	278	210	327	2,845	
Dec.	113	409	53.4	40.6	282	201	170	286	2,015	
Jan.	57	240	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1,208	
Period	Lawn mowers petrol (rotary)		Motor spirit (d)	Aviation turbine fuel (d)	Furnace fuel (d)	Elastics and synthetic resins (e)	Margarine			
	Original	Seasonally adjusted					Newsprint	Soap	Table	Other
No.	No.	million litres	million litres	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	
1975-76	334,857	..	12,501	2,088	4,340	407	206,227	58,154	43,211	55,899
1976-77	307,173	..	13,056	2,115	4,604	464	206,590	57,281	69,140	51,620
1977-78	272,344	..	14,073	2,277	4,138	523	207,621	55,978	80,733	43,737
1977-78 p -										
Dec.	17,469	16,716	1,225	197	338	37.5	13,870	3,973	4,733	2,617
Jan.	10,655	14,816	1,176	203	359	40.2	16,323	2,268	5,373	2,544
Feb.	19,033	20,910	1,024	195	305	47.2	16,810	5,125	7,458	3,187
Mar.	18,958	23,632	1,221	198	328	49.3	18,293	4,623	6,179	3,203
Apr.	10,919	17,745	1,119	167	281	45.0	17,932	4,747	7,670	3,686
May	8,361	23,321	1,346	187	353	50.7	18,128	5,123	6,544	3,359
June	15,278	27,448	1,144	170	356	46.7	17,337	5,046	8,110	4,911
1978-79p -										
July	17,236	20,941	1,246	153	397	48.8	19,117	5,339	6,091	4,083
Aug.	35,862	28,632	1,190	190	359	54.6	18,851	5,666	7,804	4,398
Sept.	40,015	26,428	1,070	181	347	50.7	18,020	5,019	8,667	4,130
Oct.	48,782	27,030	1,022	158	431	50.2	18,424	5,301	9,074	4,006
Nov.	43,681	27,395	1,075	195	325	49.8	17,114	4,983	6,739	3,399
Dec.	24,556	23,391	1,191	219	400	40.9	13,278	3,606	6,686	3,148
Jan.	21,924	30,799	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	49.1	16,607	2,768	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Includes panty hose. (b) Excludes plastic coats and dust coats. (c) Includes slippers of cemented, vulcanised-moulded rubber and injection-moulded plastic construction. (d) Source: Department of National Resources. (e) Liquid resins or emulsion forms are shown in terms of dry weight of resin content.

## TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

## REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a)

Period	Cars and station wagons		Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)		Total (excluding motor cycles)		Motor cycles	Total motor vehicles
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
1975-76	454,637	--	129,726	--	584,363	--	60,017	644,380
1976-77	447,102	--	134,709	--	581,811	--	50,321	632,132
1977-78	432,439	--	131,478	--	563,917	--	38,049	601,966
1977-78 -								
Jan.	30,126	36,028	8,406	10,402	38,532	46,430	2,821	41,353
Feb.	33,615	36,948	9,767	11,206	43,382	48,154	3,028	46,410
Mar.	34,880	34,144	10,251	10,749	45,131	44,893	2,970	48,101
Apr.	37,108	36,705	11,223	11,135	48,331	47,840	3,135	51,466
May	40,279	36,094	12,808	11,231	53,087	47,325	3,242	56,329
June	38,133	36,941	13,364	11,783	51,497	48,724	2,601	54,098
1978-79 -								
July	38,175	37,698	12,194	11,410	50,369	49,108	2,776	53,145
Aug.	44,459	40,379	10,948	10,298	55,407	50,677	3,153	58,560
Sept.	41,587	43,024	9,830	10,327	51,417	53,351	2,937	54,354
Oct. r	38,780	38,990	9,908	9,859	48,688	48,849	3,083	51,771
Nov.	39,129	37,444	9,864	9,534	48,993	46,978	3,025	52,018
Dec. r	35,199	38,646	8,568	9,369	43,767	48,015	3,306	47,073
Jan. r	30,935	35,073	7,619	8,850	38,554	43,923	2,994	41,548
Feb. p	35,424	38,870	9,359	10,714	44,783	49,584	3,495	48,278

(a) Registrations during period. Includes Government-owned vehicles except those belonging to the defence services. Excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

## RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

Period	Government railways				Shipping (a)					
	Goods and livestock				Overseas cargo		Interstate cargo shipped			
					Shipped from Australian ports		Discharged at Australian ports			
	Tonnes consigned	Net tonne-kilometres	Passenger journeys	Gross earnings	Tonnes	Cubic metres	Tonnes	Cubic metres	Tonnes	Cubic metres
	'000	million	million	\$ million	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1974-75	94,798	29,791.6	340.0	809.4	164,866	2,926	21,893	8,029	28,454	3,143
1975-76	95,039	30,809.3	317.2	939.8	156,133	2,488	19,718	7,170	28,241	2,937
1976-77	99,789	32,030.0	326.9	1,021.1	164,370	2,041	20,083	6,857	28,221	1,969
1977-78 -										
July	8,429	2,963.3	28.7	90.3	13,824	218	1,812	538	2,131	160
Aug.	8,391	2,966.6	25.6	95.3	15,147	168	1,924	603	2,649	163
Sept.	8,774	2,967.0	27.2	94.2	13,261	218	1,881	444	2,312	156
Oct.	8,557	2,847.4	23.3	91.6	15,290	200	1,812	388	2,520	184
Nov.	8,088	2,902.6	23.1	91.8	15,836	204	1,743	387	2,533	155
Dec.	7,525	2,625.1	23.7	87.5	14,622	190	1,979	401	2,046	244
Jan.	7,093	2,131.9	22.8	80.2	12,483	147	1,599	395	2,338	185
Feb.	6,988	2,184.5	30.7	83.5	12,407	141	1,912	358	2,231	223
Mar.	n.y.a.	2,610.1	24.4	87.8	13,306	165	1,552	401	2,252	237
Apr.	n.y.a.	2,585.5	23.7	89.3	13,088	152	1,786	337	1,900	224
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	27.1	98.4	14,083	201	1,809	417	2,128	234
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12,883	160	1,847	392	2,461	266
1978-79 p -										
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13,029	191	2,154	470	n.a.	n.a.
Aug.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12,765	184	1,449	616	n.a.	n.a.

(a) Part of the shipping cargo is recorded in tonnes and part in cubic metres. As the total cannot be stated accurately as either tonnes or cubic metres each is recorded and published separately.

NOTE: The series *Interstate cargo shipped* has now been discontinued.

## TELEPHONE AND TELEX SERVICES

Period	Telephone subscribers' services				Telex Services			
	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period
	'000	'000	'000	'000				'000
1975-76	596.1	613.6	448.4	3,700	(b)3,986	(c)4,117	1,822	17.0
1976-77	666.5	665.7	456.9	3,907	4,610	4,538	2,015	19.6
1977-78	746.1	755.5	491.1	4,166	5,620	5,410	2,245	22.7
1977-78 -								
Nov.	60.2	62.0	38.5	4,012	437	426	144	20.9
Dec.	51.6	56.4	37.9	4,030	287	375	159	21.1
Jan.	60.6	56.4	43.3	4,043	473	377	155	21.3
Feb.	67.0	62.2	39.9	4,065	462	416	180	21.6
Mar.	60.2	63.2	39.4	4,089	513	477	198	21.9
Apr.	63.8	60.6	41.5	4,104	474	451	213	22.1
May	74.3	76.8	48.8	4,132	522	521	216	22.4
June	70.8	78.4	44.6	4,166	686	581	257	22.7
1978-79 -								
July	65.5	65.0	41.9	4,189	541	486	190	23.0
Aug.	67.1	65.2	43.7	4,211	388	311	147	23.2
Sept.	68.4	65.4	43.9	4,232	583	529	219	23.5
Oct.	68.6	70.7	42.9	4,260	578	596	204	23.9
Nov.	70.3	70.5	45.8	4,285	477	545	203	24.2
Dec.	57.3	61.9	43.3	4,304	351	418	195	24.4

(a) Demand for services, allowing for applications withdrawn during period. (b) From July 1975 includes in place services. (c) From July 1975 includes in place connections.

## BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

(\$ million)

CURRENT ACCOUNT												
Period	Invisible credits							Invisible debits				Balance on current account
	Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.	Balance of trade	Trans- portation and travel	Property income	Trans- fers	Other	Trans- portation and travel	Property income	Trans- fers	Other	
1975-76	9,408	7,924	1,484	1,274	343	359	226	2,114	1,551	701	428	-1,108
1976-77	11,349	10,345	1,054	1,516	378	276	181	2,492	1,753	705	444	-1,989
1977-78	12,069	11,179	891	1,639	354	409	247	2,677	1,859	817	618	-2,431
1977-78 -												
Sept. qtr	3,014	2,829	185	380	84	86	45	675	492	237	144	-767
Dec. qtr	3,140	2,620	520	449	93	95	55	611	451	141	140	-131
Mar. qtr	2,800	2,849	-49	423	82	119	61	617	413	209	167	-770
June qtr	3,115	2,881	235	388	95	109	86	774	503	231	166	-762
1978-79 -												
Sept. qtr	3,016	3,150	-134	422	95	106	62	763	461	215	148	-1,035
Dec. qtr	3,379	3,374	5	493	104	109	64	717	534	202	156	-834
CAPITAL ITEMS												
Period	Capital inflow					Monetary movements						
	Government		Private		Non-official monetary sector trans- actions	Balan- cing item	Net apparent capital inflow	Change in official reserve assets	Other trans- actions	Net official monetary move- ments		
1975-76	47	-176	110	583	-25	-452	88	-1,053	32	-1,020		
1976-77	375	-222	243	1,350	24	-271	1,499	-190	-301	-491		
1977-78	1,647	-129	-236	1,174	-17	-551	1,889	-474	-68	-542		
1977-78 -												
Sept. qtr	490	-59	-135	74	47	-386	31	-584	-152	-736		
Dec. qtr	366	-20	-155	309	-18	-425	59	-43	-30	73		
Mar. qtr	476	40	91	242	-21	244	1,072	187	116	302		
June qtr	315	-90	-37	549	-25	16	727	34	-2	-36		
1978-79 -												
Sept. qtr	426	98	17	348	64	-123	830	-205	-	-205		
Dec. qtr	471	16	109	388	(a)	-288	696	-113	-25	-138		

(a) Not yet available, included in the balancing item.

## NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)  
(\$ million)

Period	Gross national expenditure	Plus Exports of goods and services	Less Imports of goods and services	Components of gross domestic product							
				Gross domestic product at factor cost							
				Gross domestic product			Wages, salaries and supplements	Gross operating surplus			Indirect taxes less subsidies
				Farm	Non-farm	Total		Trading enterprises		Financial enterprises, etc. (b)	
								Companies	Other		
ORIGINAL											
1975-76	70,920	10,907	10,464	3,706	67,657	71,363	40,589	8,313	14,066	-136	8,532
1976-77	82,656	13,095	13,279	4,192	78,280	82,472	45,773	10,016	16,937	-16	9,761
1977-78	90,737	13,910	14,419	4,054	86,173	90,227	50,129	10,710	18,947	74	10,368
1976-77 - June qtr	20,776	3,360	3,575	517	20,044	20,561	11,903	2,486	3,528	-1	2,645
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	22,134	3,440	3,640	924	21,010	21,934	12,215	2,608	4,651	14	2,446
Dec. qtr	23,800	3,624	3,362	1,646	22,415	24,061	12,876	3,038	5,676	12	2,459
Mar. qtr	21,969	3,277	3,615	887	20,744	21,631	12,246	2,328	4,452	34	2,571
June qtr	22,834	3,569	3,801	597	22,004	22,601	12,792	2,736	4,168	14	2,891
1978-79 - Sept. qtr	24,377	3,549	3,989	972	22,965	23,937	13,054	2,902	5,242	23	2,716
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED											
1976-77 - June qtr	21,614	3,352	3,597	1,121	20,248	21,369	11,917	2,475	4,455	-5	2,527
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	22,000	3,446	3,508	1,003	20,935	21,938	12,254	2,606	4,519	18	2,541
Dec. qtr	21,983	3,544	3,398	1,016	21,113	22,129	12,336	2,606	4,656	30	2,501
Mar. qtr	23,240	3,363	3,696	997	21,910	22,907	12,743	2,797	4,809	16	2,542
June qtr	23,653	3,558	3,823	1,032	22,356	23,388	12,871	2,725	5,020	10	2,762
1978-79 - Sept. qtr	24,540	3,553	3,844	1,326	22,923	24,249	13,139	2,903	5,365	26	2,816

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (\$206.0). (b) Financial enterprises less imputed bank service charge.

COMPONENTS OF GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)  
(\$ million)

Gross fixed capital expenditure												
Period	Final consumption expenditure		Private					Public enterprises	General government	Increase in stocks	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure
	Private	Government	Dwellings	Other building and construction	All other	Total private						
ORIGINAL												
1975-76	41,921	11,361	3,218	1,967	5,055	10,240	3,288	3,387	33	688	70,920	
1976-77	48,022	13,301	4,038	1,938	6,040	12,016	3,668	3,477	1,073	1,100	82,656	
1977-78	53,670	15,092	3,894	2,268	6,908	13,070	4,051	3,659	-303	1,498	90,737	
1976-77 - June qtr	12,462	3,567	1,011	493	1,651	3,155	1,066	1,118	51	-643	20,776	
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	12,744	3,518	1,031	568	1,555	3,154	921	785	77	904	22,134	
Dec. qtr	13,960	3,852	974	635	1,743	3,352	1,057	950	248	375	23,800	
Mar. qtr	12,953	3,633	916	474	1,537	2,927	947	811	-69	767	21,969	
June qtr	14,007	4,059	973	591	2,073	3,637	1,126	1,113	-559	-548	22,834	
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	14,363	3,988	952	589	1,956	3,497	965	842	-136	859	24,377	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1976-77 - June qtr	12,493	3,443	1,008	481	1,531	3,020	956	941	735	26	21,614	
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	12,869	3,600	996	559	1,589	3,144	978	876	-	533	22,000	
Dec. qtr	13,210	3,688	969	578	1,651	3,198	1,010	880	-339	336	21,983	
Mar. qtr	13,555	3,887	957	551	1,733	3,241	1,047	970	82	458	23,240	
June qtr	14,040	3,920	971	577	1,920	3,468	1,009	936	-64	344	23,653	
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	14,499	4,046	920	579	1,998	3,497	1,026	938	62	472	24,540	

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (\$206.0).

**VALUE OF MAIN AGGREGATES AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES (a)**  
(£ million)

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross capital expenditure		Increase in stocks	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure	Plus exports of goods and services	Less imports of goods and services	Expenditure on gross domestic product	Gross farm product	Gross non-farm product
	Private	Government	Private	Public								
ORIGINAL												
1975-76	36,283	9,871	8,820	5,802	55	644	61,475	10,124	9,387	62,212	3,892	58,320
1976-77	37,313	10,403	9,193	5,484	806	887	64,086	10,950	10,484	64,552	3,894	60,658
1977-78	38,200	10,953	9,173	5,482	-387	1,092	64,513	11,303	10,023	65,793	3,694	62,099
1976-77 - June qtr	9,321	2,708	2,316	1,617	-190	-480	15,292	2,634	2,601	15,325	403	14,922
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	9,343	2,633	2,271	1,242	26	662	16,177	2,829	2,561	16,445	807	15,638
Dec. qtr	10,017	2,793	2,373	1,438	436	269	17,326	3,082	2,355	18,053	1,709	16,344
Mar. qtr	9,138	2,633	2,040	1,238	-191	543	15,401	2,618	2,526	15,493	790	14,703
June qtr	9,702	2,894	2,489	1,564	-658	-382	15,609	2,774	2,581	15,802	388	15,414
1978-79 - Sept. qtr	9,730	2,791	2,361	1,249	-165	586	16,552	2,675	2,635	16,592	709	15,883
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1976-77 - June qtr	9,312	2,602	2,215	1,399	471	156	16,155	2,664	2,646	16,173	990	15,183
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	9,424	2,665	2,260	1,354	35	331	16,069	2,784	2,464	16,389	936	15,453
Dec. qtr	9,519	2,715	2,273	1,355	-338	203	15,726	2,986	2,373	16,339	930	15,409
Mar. qtr	9,564	2,792	2,253	1,425	-16	307	16,325	2,723	2,565	16,483	925	15,558
June qtr	9,690	2,782	2,373	1,352	-71	348	16,473	2,804	2,625	16,652	918	15,734
1978-79 - Sept. qtr	9,811	2,825	2,356	1,362	89	258	16,701	2,633	2,535	16,799	1,078	15,721

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (£206.0).

**FINANCE**

**NEW MONEY RAISED BY LISTED COMPANIES IN AUSTRALIA AND BY INDUSTRY GROUP (a)**  
(£ million)

Period	Manufacturing			Finance and property			Commerce		
	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.		Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.		Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	
		Total			Total			Total	
1975-76	115.0	142.1	257.1	68.5	853.3	921.8	57.5	20.8	78.3
1976-77	181.7	147.4	329.1	212.2	939.7	1,151.9	9.5	31.3	40.8
1977-78	142.3	134.6	276.9	100.9	907.3	1,008.2	41.9	50.2	92.4
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	41.8	58.8	100.6	31.0	292.8	323.8	0.6	12.4	13.0
Dec. qtr	46.9	9.8	56.7	10.6	275.7	286.3	7.2	(b) - 0.7	6.5
Mar. qtr	5.8	32.3	38.1	52.1	82.9	135.0	9.2	26.9	36.1
June qtr	47.8	33.7	81.5	7.2	255.9	263.1	24.9	11.9	36.8
1978-79 - Sept. qtr	12.9	69.7	82.6	44.6	243.8	288.4	3.1	(b) - 11.2	(b) - 8.1
Dec. qtr	54.4	97.5	151.9	12.8	272.8	285.6	4.0	30.2	34.2
<b>Other industries</b>									
Period	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total
1975-76	91.3	78.2	169.5	332.3		1,094.4			1,426.7
1976-77	68.1	91.0	159.1	471.3		1,209.6			1,680.9
1977-78	64.5	26.6	91.1	349.6		1,119.3			1,468.9
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	16.1	(b) - 3.2	12.9	89.5		361.0			450.5
Dec. qtr	21.9	35.8	57.7	86.7		320.6			407.3
Mar. qtr	6.1	6.2	12.3	73.1		148.4			221.5
June qtr	20.4	(b) - 12.2	8.2	100.3		289.3			389.6
1978-79 - Sept. qtr	39.3	(b) - 4.0	35.3	99.9		398.4			398.3
Dec. qtr	24.4	7.2	31.6	95.6		407.7			503.3

(a) Holding companies are classified according to the predominant activity of the group. (b) Excess of repayments over receipts of new money.



**RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT)**  
(*\$ million*)

Average of weekly figures	Accounts of trading banks							Commonwealth Government securities				
	Notes on issue		Statutory Reserve Deposit	Term Loan Fund	Farm Development Loan Fund	Other deposits of trading banks	Deposits of savings banks	All Other liabilities (a)	Gold and foreign exchange	Treasury bills and Treasury notes		All other assets
	Held by public	Total									Other	
June 1975	2,194.3	2,518.0	421.4	14.9	13.8	8.3	890.9	1,660.0	3,283.3	123.2	1,191.1	929.6
June 1976	2,554.9	2,920.2	840.5	11.5	15.3	12.3	1,014.1	1,019.5	2,432.8	877.6	1,451.9	1,070.8
June 1977	2,887.4	3,293.1	1,704.2	16.9	10.1	6.9	1,044.6	1,673.8	2,596.7	1,433.8	2,735.5	983.7
1977-78 —												
Jan.	3,147.7	3,595.4	1,176.0	32.0	9.5	15.9	1,100.1	2,620.7	2,671.7	2,978.1	1,935.0	964.8
Feb.	3,108.8	3,558.4	1,187.2	31.8	8.3	6.4	1,056.8	2,746.5	2,627.9	2,971.3	1,955.3	1,040.6
Mar.	3,193.9	3,649.2	1,204.8	29.7	7.9	5.8	1,111.3	2,960.6	2,682.3	3,211.5	2,080.9	994.5
Apr.	3,192.7	3,723.1	1,040.5	25.5	4.3	23.7	1,168.0	2,792.8	3,102.6	2,455.9	2,405.0	814.5
May	3,210.7	3,654.6	757.0	20.8	1.8	5.3	1,141.0	2,710.4	2,973.5	1,779.2	2,638.3	899.9
June	3,237.0	3,687.5	734.0	7.9	0.2	5.8	1,109.4	2,800.5	3,087.4	1,787.0	2,660.2	810.7
1978-79 —												
July	3,270.0	3,716.3	718.4	4.3	—	5.3	1,147.3	2,743.4	2,972.0	1,937.9	2,662.1	763.2
Aug.	3,321.0	3,768.2	717.1	2.2	—	8.7	1,153.5	2,828.1	3,016.6	2,026.4	2,756.1	678.6
Sept.	3,366.8	3,798.6	667.0	14.5	7.6	5.8	1,133.7	3,029.3	3,116.3	2,213.7	2,657.2	669.3
Oct.	3,373.9	3,826.7	658.7	18.6	5.0	5.5	1,123.7	2,890.6	2,976.4	2,630.5	2,275.8	646.2
Nov.	3,405.2	3,859.6	672.9	31.3	8.2	9.3	1,161.5	3,028.0	3,192.2	2,709.9	2,335.9	532.9
Dec. (bt)	3,640.1	4,198.2	682.7	28.0	5.8	5.1	1,115.8	2,769.0	3,151.9	2,414.2	2,581.5	656.5
Jan.	n.y.a.	4,027.9	815.1	22.8	4.4	8.2	1,109.4	3,120.3	3,071.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1,476.2
Feb.	n.y.a.	3,963.9	912.6	40.3	5.6	7.2	1,227.3	3,385.3	3,230.3	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1,400.2

(a) Includes Special Reserve - I.M.F. Special Drawing Rights, capital and reserves. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

**RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT : ADVANCES**

<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>\$ million</i>	<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>\$ million</i>
June 1975	199.5	1978-79 -	
June 1976	208.9	July	453.0
June 1977	586.7	Aug.	398.5
1977-78 -		Sept.	341.5
Jan.	715.6	Oct.	291.2
Feb.	811.1	Nov.	250.0
Mar.	779.0	Dec. (a)	244.6
Apr.	569.0	Jan.	745.9
May	524.5	Feb.	1,165.9
June	480.9		

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

**COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA : ADVANCES**  
(*\$ million*)

<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>
June 1975	63.3	281.7	1978-79 -		
June 1976	68.3	301.0	July	99.6	344.4
June 1977	89.7	316.0	Aug.	100.4	342.9
1977-78 -			Sept.	100.1	341.6
Jan.	96.9	327.7	Oct.	100.4	339.3
Feb.	93.1	325.8	Nov.	103.1	337.2
Mar.	89.5	330.9	Dec. (a)	105.6	353.0
Apr.	90.7	349.5	Jan.	104.0	346.3
May	93.4	350.2	Feb.	99.2	349.3
June	95.3	362.8			

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

**MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)**  
(*\$ million*)

Average of weekly figures	Deposits				Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans, advances and bills discounted (c)	
	Fixed	Current	Total			Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other			Original	Seasonally adjusted
			Original	Seasonally adjusted							
June 1975	7,824	5,841	13,665	..	282.2	1,100.7	2,204.2	118.2	414.4	9,932	..
June 1976	8,705	6,680	15,385	..	325.2	169.4	3,183.5	122.7	827.5	11,017	..
June 1977	10,129	7,069	17,198	..	358.2	37.7	3,505.8	102.5	1,685.7	12,177	..
1977-78 -											
Jan.	10,417	7,639	18,056	17,502	394.4	218.4	3,741.2	176.3	1,158.8	12,857	12,935
Feb.	10,648	7,694	18,342	17,604	385.0	399.5	3,725.9	178.0	1,170.4	12,869	13,228
Mar.	11,005	7,740	18,745	17,891	390.0	478.8	3,741.9	168.5	1,188.5	13,157	13,434
Apr.	10,868	7,752	18,620	18,120	478.4	498.6	3,553.8	188.7	1,025.4	13,463	13,381
May	10,417	7,473	17,890	18,091	381.5	150.3	3,377.6	219.5	745.8	13,757	13,580
June	10,034	7,560	17,593	18,292	383.5	53.6	3,326.2	137.5	722.6	13,626	13,534
1978-79 -											
July	10,071	7,566	17,637	18,444	380.8	49.5	3,334.8	151.6	706.6	13,685	13,567
Aug.	10,683	7,572	18,255	18,856	384.3	170.1	3,404.6	216.1	705.1	13,962	13,953
Sept.	10,964	7,636	18,600	19,108	370.4	202.6	3,616.0	302.5	655.5	14,116	14,133
Oct.	11,155	7,796	18,951	19,176	382.4	166.6	3,848.8	236.5	647.2	14,516	14,278
Nov.	11,218	8,015	19,232	19,189	390.9	365.6	3,832.4	142.0	660.6	14,488	14,426
Dec. (d)	11,138	8,463	19,601	19,335	479.3	417.5	3,810.0	139.8	669.8	14,683	14,680
Jan.	11,313	8,733	20,046	19,312	428.7	755.3	4,082.4	105.1	801.1	14,537	14,624
Feb.	11,596	8,864	20,461	19,645	402.7	1,112.4	4,060.3	224.0	897.1	14,479	14,889

(a) Commonwealth Trading Bank, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd, The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd, The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd, and The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Includes one Wednesday.

**MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)**  
(per cent)

Average of weekly figures	Liquid assets and Commonwealth Government securities				Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans, advances and bills discounted (c)	Deposits not bearing interest
	Cash and cash at Reserve Bank	Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other Commonwealth and State Government securities	Total			
June 1975	2.1	8.1	16.1	26.3	3.0	72.7	37.8
June 1976	2.1	1.1	20.7	23.9	5.4	71.6	38.5
June 1977	2.1	0.2	19.2	21.5	9.8	70.8	36.3
1977-78 -							
Jan.	2.2	1.2	20.7	24.1	6.4	71.2	38.1
Feb.	2.1	2.2	20.3	24.6	6.4	70.2	37.7
Mar.	2.1	2.6	20.0	24.6	6.3	70.2	37.1
Apr.	2.6	2.7	19.1	24.3	5.5	72.3	37.2
May	2.1	0.8	18.9	21.9	4.2	76.9	37.3
June	2.2	0.3	18.9	21.4	4.1	77.5	38.0
1978-79 -							
July	2.2	0.3	18.9	21.4	4.0	77.6	38.0
Aug.	2.1	0.9	18.7	21.7	3.9	76.5	37.0
Sept.	2.0	1.1	19.4	22.5	3.5	75.9	36.7
Oct.	2.0	0.9	20.3	23.2	3.4	76.6	36.8
Nov.	2.0	1.9	19.9	23.9	3.4	75.3	37.4
Dec. (d)	2.5	2.1	19.4	24.0	3.4	74.9	38.8
Jan.	2.1	3.8	20.4	26.3	4.0	72.5	39.3
Feb.	2.0	5.4	19.9	27.2	4.4	70.8	38.9

(a) See footnote (a) page 39. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

**MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS**  
(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia)  
(\$ million)

Weekly average for period ending second Wednesday of	New and increased lending commitments (b)				Overdraft limits (c)		
	Term loan approvals	Farm development loan approvals	Overdraft approvals	Total approvals	Cancellations and reductions (d)	Net movement in limits	Overdraft limits outstanding (end of period)
Year to July -							
1976	6.1	2.0	95.9	104.1			
1977	6.4	2.8	95.7	104.9			
1978	8.5	3.3	114.8	126.6			
1977-78 -							
Jan.	6.9	3.1	99.6	109.6	(e)	(e)	15,680.0
Feb.	7.7	2.8	102.4	112.8	70.7	31.7	15,806.7
Mar.	8.0	4.2	113.1	125.4	88.3	24.9	15,906.2
Apr.	6.9	3.8	116.5	127.1	58.3	58.2	16,197.0
May	7.9	3.3	132.0	143.2	85.0	47.0	16,385.1
June	10.2	3.4	136.3	149.8	94.4	41.9	16,594.7
1978-79 -							
July	8.1	4.1	144.0	156.1	94.4	49.6	16,793.2
Aug.	7.7	4.8	131.6	144.0	95.7	35.9	16,936.7
Sept.	10.9	4.4	120.0	135.3	90.9	29.1	17,082.2
Oct.	8.2	4.6	114.3	127.1	81.1	33.2	17,214.9
Nov.	8.3	4.4	120.0	132.7	95.3	24.7	17,313.5
Dec.	12.2	5.4	118.8	136.4	88.9	29.9	17,462.8
Jan.	14.1	4.4	107.7	126.2	94.0	13.7	17,517.6
Feb.	17.7	5.1	121.9	144.7	102.7	19.2	17,613.4

(a) See footnote (a) on page 39. (b) Excludes commitments in respect of commercial bills, charge cards, temporary advances to woolbuyers. Includes bridging finance, personal instalment lending and lease financing. (c) Excludes commitments in respect of term loans and farm development loans. (d) Derived by subtracting weekly average of change in overdraft limits outstanding from overdraft approvals. Figures are approximations only due to unavoidable differences in the basis of compilation of the two series. (e) Due to changes in accounting procedures data are not available on a comparable basis with subsequent months.

**ALL TRADING BANKS (a): SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)**  
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Deposits				Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Loans to authorised dealers in the short- term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans other than loans to authorised dealers in the short- term money market), advances and bills discounted
	Fixed	Current		Total		Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other			
		Bearing interest	Not bearing interest							
June 1975	8,635.0	842.6	5,458.1	14,935.7	299.0	1,167.8	2,358.9	167.4	421.4	11,205.0
June 1976	9,778.0	927.4	6,249.4	16,954.8	345.6	191.0	3,410.9	182.3	840.5	12,578.3
June 1977	11,464.7	990.2	6,639.4	19,094.2	380.0	78.8	3,567.9	144.8	1,704.2	14,035.1
1977-78 -										
Dec. (c)	11,761.8	897.1	7,227.9	19,886.8	479.0	117.4	3,707.7	182.4	1,163.5	14,970.8
Jan.	11,943.0	933.4	7,306.9	20,183.4	421.5	262.3	4,032.8	226.7	1,176.0	14,939.3
Feb.	12,204.7	970.5	7,334.6	20,509.8	410.3	452.7	4,008.8	219.6	1,187.2	14,997.6
Mar.	12,625.6	979.9	7,375.7	20,981.2	414.7	543.9	4,017.6	212.1	1,204.8	15,332.8
Apr.	12,415.4	1,023.8	7,346.2	20,785.4	506.6	570.9	3,824.4	237.9	1,040.5	15,597.1
May	11,976.7	977.3	7,081.0	20,035.0	407.1	210.0	3,653.1	260.4	757.0	15,894.8
June	11,596.0	1,045.0	7,105.3	19,746.3	409.4	97.9	3,609.1	190.9	734.0	15,777.2
1978-79 -										
Jul.	11,667.3	1,055.2	7,101.9	19,824.4	405.9	92.5	3,623.2	215.2	718.4	15,874.6
Aug.	12,315.2	1,004.2	7,147.3	20,466.6	409.4	215.9	3,694.6	259.5	717.1	16,184.4
Sept.	12,652.5	983.3	7,219.6	20,855.5	396.2	245.7	3,921.1	358.9	667.0	16,356.9
Oct.	12,919.1	987.2	7,384.8	21,291.0	408.3	213.0	4,169.9	280.1	658.7	16,826.1
Nov.	13,018.5	996.8	7,613.9	21,629.2	416.9	430.1	4,159.3	192.6	672.9	16,823.7
Dec. (c)	12,895.3	1,041.5	8,054.2	21,991.1	506.9	479.7	4,134.9	188.5	682.2	16,988.2
Jan.	13,079.2	1,077.0	8,365.2	22,521.5	460.7	843.1	4,410.6	145.7	815.1	16,919.5

(a) Covers the major trading banks, and in addition Bank of New Zealand, Bank of Queensland Limited, Banque Nationale de Paris, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, State Bank of South Australia and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) 1 excludes one Wednesday.

**ALL TRADING BANKS: DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (a)**  
(Excluding debits to Australian Government Accounts at city branches in State capitals)  
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total
June 1975	4,052.6	3,334.9	870.1	494.1	579.3	131.2	23.9	95.4	9,581.5
June 1976	5,079.1	4,442.3	1,209.5	676.9	756.5	173.8	32.8	152.4	12,523.2
June 1977	5,443.8	5,209.3	1,421.8	789.7	875.5	184.0	36.3	150.7	14,111.2
1977-78 -									
Dec.	6,650.7	5,454.6	1,477.7	811.9	1,014.9	206.7	31.4	224.7	15,872.7
Jan.	6,761.7	5,105.6	1,271.7	726.1	956.9	169.5	28.7	155.0	15,175.3
Feb.	6,458.9	5,485.1	1,640.7	790.6	1,062.1	180.8	28.3	146.1	15,792.5
Mar.	5,626.4	4,774.6	1,258.0	747.6	963.2	179.3	29.6	146.6	13,725.3
Apr.	6,854.9	6,052.2	1,385.5	808.8	1,027.9	216.1	33.6	200.1	16,579.3
May	6,503.3	5,785.7	1,380.2	863.8	1,023.9	208.3	31.4	160.6	15,957.3
June	7,316.5	5,552.6	1,528.1	846.8	1,079.7	190.9	35.7	246.0	16,796.3
1978-79 -									
July	7,767.8	6,269.3	1,587.6	871.9	1,357.7	218.6	37.2	276.7	18,386.9
Aug.	6,806.9	6,048.0	1,307.5	781.8	1,072.2	194.0	34.7	340.2	16,585.2
Sept.	7,324.5	5,802.6	1,508.7	830.3	1,056.5	210.2	39.2	159.3	16,931.5
Oct.	6,814.6	5,425.5	1,416.8	785.0	1,070.0	208.6	34.8	150.5	15,905.8
Nov.	7,099.8	5,742.1	1,489.0	825.4	1,114.0	217.8	186.4	159.7	16,834.0
Dec.	7,692.3	6,466.1	1,532.8	994.2	1,140.7	245.0	36.9	185.6	18,293.7
Jan.	6,943.9	5,511.5	1,422.7	823.1	1,138.3	198.5	36.4	182.9	16,257.3

(a) Includes the banks listed in footnote (a) above, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank.

**SAVINGS BANKS : SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (a)**  
(**\$ million**)

At end of	Coin billions and notes	Deposits with Reserve Bank	Deposits with trading banks	Commonwealth and State Government securities (b)	Local and semi- government securities	Loans to authorised dealers in the short- term money market	Loans, advances and bills discounted	
							Housing	Other
June 1975	32.6	907.6	391.0	2,962.1	(c)3,285.2	80.2	4,717.4	(c)573.6
June 1976	40.4	1,053.8	266.2	2,824.7	3,893.6	70.1	6,049.7	695.3
June 1977	40.4	1,055.6	169.3	2,720.7	4,461.4	70.8	7,258.7	775.1
1977-78								
Dec.	55.2	1,096.8	203.9	2,892.6	4,720.5	96.9	7,821.1	827.8
Jan.	51.1	1,093.6	214.4	2,954.9	4,763.3	87.4	7,875.2	835.5
Feb.	54.1	1,034.2	239.5	3,086.4	4,791.5	102.9	7,940.3	839.7
Mar.	46.0	1,158.6	183.3	2,967.3	4,840.2	49.8	8,098.9	863.9
Apr.	42.6	1,167.8	211.2	2,825.1	4,854.6	100.9	8,208.2	816.9
May	51.0	1,109.2	195.9	2,752.3	4,854.9	73.1	8,306.6	868.1
June	45.0	1,122.6	199.9	2,672.6	4,880.2	139.1	8,393.8	813.9
1978-79								
July	49.7	1,158.0	197.6	2,706.2	4,911.6	55.2	8,458.9	867.2
Aug.	36.3	1,138.3	223.1	2,704.2	4,964.6	109.2	8,533.9	942.7
Sept.	39.7	1,120.3	247.2	2,731.5	5,012.8	79.7	8,685.7	1,003.5
Oct.	50.3	1,131.8	190.1	2,828.9	5,079.6	76.1	8,782.8	991.4
Nov.	58.9	1,184.0	186.9	2,813.5	5,135.7	66.5	8,878.5	958.1
Dec.	60.9	1,067.2	201.7	2,810.0	5,180.3	95.8	8,991.6	967.0
Jan.	55.2	1,183.6	232.8	2,812.3	5,215.6	47.2	9,067.6	933.0

(a) Includes External Territories. (b) Includes Treasury bills and Treasury notes. (c) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

**SAVINGS BANKS : DEPOSITORS' BALANCES**  
(**\$ million**)

At end of	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Original (a)	Seasonally adjusted
June 1975	3,835.9	(b)4,668.5	1,618.2	1,394.6	779.4	382.3	71.4	118.2	(b)12,868.5	(b)12,899.1
June 1976	4,348.9	5,377.6	1,940.3	1,617.3	897.7	430.6	76.3	133.8	14,822.5	14,838.1
June 1977	4,803.2	5,977.5	2,148.7	1,780.8	960.5	477.1	74.7	142.7	16,365.3	16,401.4
1977-78										
Dec.	4,997.7	6,283.8	2,347.4	1,870.6	1,017.0	503.7	76.9	150.8	17,247.9	17,131.7
Jan.	5,037.3	6,353.7	2,350.6	1,879.6	1,026.3	508.0	73.6	150.6	17,379.6	17,340.8
Feb.	5,079.2	6,419.4	2,364.2	1,899.6	1,034.5	520.5	72.9	152.8	17,543.1	17,515.6
Mar.	5,060.4	6,379.8	2,343.7	1,892.4	1,028.5	521.2	72.2	154.5	17,452.7	17,528.1
Apr.	5,060.8	6,365.6	2,337.9	1,880.8	1,019.8	517.9	73.4	152.4	17,408.7	17,681.3
May	5,158.0	6,423.4	2,385.1	1,897.6	1,031.5	523.7	74.2	156.2	17,649.7	17,934.0
June	5,284.6	6,552.5	2,446.5	1,945.3	1,048.5	530.5	76.4	162.0	18,046.3	18,065.4
1978-79										
July	5,310.3	6,664.3	2,463.9	1,952.4	1,051.2	539.6	78.7	161.4	18,221.8	18,268.2
Aug.	5,354.3	6,722.0	2,494.4	1,961.0	1,057.8	550.2	80.1	161.6	18,381.4	18,358.3
Sept.	5,394.0	6,780.4	2,519.1	1,971.7	1,075.0	550.0	80.9	165.9	18,537.0	18,388.4
Oct.	5,432.2	6,819.0	2,524.5	1,980.6	1,079.5	555.1	81.1	163.5	18,635.5	18,397.3
Nov.	5,435.8	6,835.6	2,533.9	1,988.0	1,083.2	554.9	81.9	163.9	18,677.2	18,540.7
Dec.	5,477.0	6,916.0	2,562.2	2,021.1	1,085.6	556.8	80.4	170.4	18,869.5	18,746.5
Jan.	5,507.1	7,023.9	2,568.3	2,043.7	1,100.5	562.2	79.8	170.5	19,056.0	18,996.2

(a) Interest added 1974-75, \$513.9m; 1975-76, \$613.4m; 1976-77, \$715.4m; 1977-78, \$789.4m. (b) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

**FINANCE COMPANIES : AMOUNT FINANCED CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF FINANCE AGREEMENT**  
(£ million)

(\$ million)										
Other consumer and commercial loans										
Period	Installment credit for retail sales	Personal loans (a)	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Finance for housing			Other commercial loans		
					Purchase of existing housing	Construc- tion of housing (b)	Purchase of individual residential blocks of land	Construc- tion other than housing	Other purposes (c)	Total amount financed
AUSTRALIA										
1975-76	1,382.6	520.8	2,873.6	237.4	418.1	439.4	132.4	421.8	1,223.3	7,649.5
1976-77	1,530.3	647.4	3,883.1	247.1	516.1	514.3	165.1	571.0	1,442.2	9,516.8
1977-78	1,516.9	689.9	4,089.1	290.1	493.3	416.7	159.8	751.4	1,785.2	10,192.4
1977-78										
Aug.	132.8	57.2	347.0	26.1	44.6	40.0	14.5	55.4	141.0	858.7
Sept.	131.4	54.0	332.2	26.0	42.3	33.8	13.9	56.8	146.7	837.1
Oct.	124.6	52.6	296.8	23.5	37.7	36.3	13.1	49.9	135.6	770.3
Nov.	132.3	63.1	366.6	25.9	41.4	35.1	14.4	64.7	120.3	863.9
Dec.	127.6	57.2	335.3	24.8	47.3	38.0	15.2	78.1	194.3	917.6
Jan.	114.6	46.7	241.1	14.8	31.6	25.8	10.1	63.4	141.2	688.8
Feb.	115.2	52.5	313.6	23.0	40.0	27.2	12.9	47.4	138.8	770.5
Mar.	123.3	57.0	357.3	27.3	40.4	31.2	12.7	55.6	137.6	842.5
Apr.	122.0	57.4	361.2	24.7	35.3	32.8	9.9	63.6	115.5	822.5
May	138.6	70.0	417.6	26.1	44.6	38.2	16.3	74.9	164.5	990.9
June	128.8	69.1	397.8	28.2	46.3	38.3	13.7	81.5	189.9	993.6
1978-79										
July	125.3	59.2	397.5	24.6	43.2	34.0	11.0	80.1	178.5	953.3
Aug.	135.8	64.7	388.3	27.9	41.2	39.9	13.0	83.6	175.4	969.8
Sept.	127.9	57.9	380.8	27.2	41.9	38.1	12.2	57.5	170.6	914.1
STATIS - AUGUST 1978										
N.S.W.	47.8	23.3	146.9	(d)	10.8	11.6	2.9	28.2	69.5	340.9
Vic.	30.0	19.8	117.6	(d)	8.1	8.6	1.7	30.5	56.2	272.5
Qld	21.6	10.4	54.4	(d)	8.1	9.1	3.9	8.0	15.7	131.3
S.A.	11.9	(e)5.2	(e)41.4	(d)	4.6	3.6	1.3	3.2	3.5	71.8
W.A.	15.2	3.0	39.8	—	8.3	4.3	2.4	10.0	19.7	102.7
Tas.	5.2	1.5	10.2	—	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.7	19.1
N.T.	1.1	(e)	(e)	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.3
A.C.T.	3.1	1.5	5.9	—	0.6	2.4	0.4	3.2	9.1	26.2
STATIS - SEPTEMBER 1978										
N.S.W.	45.3	21.9	147.5	(d)	12.0	11.6	2.2	13.0	66.8	320.3
Vic.	27.6	17.1	114.3	(d)	7.3	7.6	1.6	21.1	57.4	254.1
Qld	21.4	9.6	54.6	(d)	8.4	7.7	5.0	10.2	13.3	130.2
S.A.	11.0	(e)4.4	(e)39.7	(d)	4.0	3.9	1.2	2.4	4.2	68.6
W.A.	13.0	2.6	37.1	—	9.2	4.3	1.7	9.5	10.4	87.6
Tas.	5.2	1.3	10.6	—	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.2	3.0	20.1
N.T.	1.1	(e)	(e)	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.8
A.C.T.	3.3	1.0	4.3	—	0.5	2.5	0.3	1.1	15.5	28.5

(a) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost less than \$10,000 to existing dwelling units. (b) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost \$10,000 or more to existing dwelling units. (c) Includes loans for the purpose of developing tracts of land into residential blocks. (d) Not available separately: included in "wholesale finance". (e) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

**FINANCE COMPANIES : BALANCES OUTSTANDING CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF FINANCE AGREEMENT  
(5 million)**

(\$ million)									
Other consumer and commercial loans									
At end of —	Instalment credit for retail sales	Personal loans	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Finance for housing		Other commercial loans		Total all contracts
					Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges	Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges	
AUSTRALIA									
1975-76	2,233.0	801.0	589.3	51.3	1,368.9	1,021.2	946.1	2,238.3	9,249.1
1976-77	2,601.1	1,048.2	925.9	60.9	1,639.4	1,061.3	1,168.9	2,599.0	11,104.8
1977-78	2,804.0	1,215.6	1,078.4	78.9	1,752.9	965.9	1,277.1	2,647.6	11,820.5
1977-78 —									
Aug.	2,646.2	1,081.8	954.0	66.5	1,660.7	1,041.4	1,200.5	2,517.9	11,168.5
Sept.	2,667.7	1,094.0	980.1	69.6	1,670.3	1,043.0	1,210.1	2,524.4	11,259.1
Oct.	2,689.3	1,105.6	979.3	71.5	1,671.4	1,035.6	1,220.9	2,515.6	11,289.3
Nov.	2,715.0	1,125.8	1,008.5	72.7	1,681.9	1,023.4	1,234.4	2,599.4	11,461.1
Dec.	2,743.2	1,137.7	1,023.5	73.4	1,699.4	1,017.0	1,240.8	2,621.6	11,556.6
Jan.	2,758.8	1,141.2	977.4	64.6	1,697.5	1,017.8	1,239.3	2,613.8	11,510.4
Feb.	2,754.1	1,152.1	984.6	66.1	1,700.5	1,008.3	1,237.6	2,596.8	11,500.0
Mar.	2,761.1	1,166.5	1,011.0	75.3	1,709.4	993.3	1,236.9	2,593.1	11,546.6
Apr.	2,772.4	1,179.2	1,030.5	76.7	1,720.5	982.9	1,239.2	2,598.8	11,600.3
May	2,790.1	1,192.6	1,048.9	74.7	1,730.4	969.7	1,257.2	2,638.9	11,702.6
June	2,804.0	1,215.6	1,078.4	78.9	1,752.9	965.9	1,277.1	2,647.6	11,820.5
1978-79 —									
July	2,809.2	1,227.9	1,073.6	73.3	1,761.1	945.5	1,304.5	2,695.8	11,891.0
Aug.	2,826.2	1,239.9	1,077.6	77.1	1,771.7	938.4	1,298.5	2,742.8	11,972.1
Sept.	2,840.4	1,251.2	1,087.1	80.3	1,782.6	925.4	1,308.0	2,754.0	12,028.9
STATES — AUGUST 1978									
N.S.W.	996.5	490.0	388.2	(a)	439.1	299.8	383.8	1,118.5	4,115.9
Vic.	605.9	379.4	337.5	(a)	342.8	301.7	297.5	963.4	3,228.3
Qld	475.3	169.8	145.5	(a)	516.6	123.2	267.1	278.4	1,975.8
S.A. (b)	266.4	96.0	98.4	(a)	247.9	76.6	110.9	83.1	979.2
W.A.	308.5	53.7	150.6	—	166.4	96.7	173.5	132.0	1,081.4
Tas.	104.4	21.2	23.6	—	4.8	13.6	31.4	7.0	205.9
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	—	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	69.2	29.8	10.8	—	54.1	26.8	34.5	160.4	385.6
STATES — SEPTEMBER 1978									
N.S.W.	1,003.9	494.5	392.1	(a)	441.1	292.2	390.4	1,105.5	4,119.6
Vic.	605.3	382.5	343.8	(a)	344.2	300.0	297.1	979.8	3,252.7
Qld	478.7	171.7	147.2	(a)	522.6	120.7	268.1	280.5	1,989.6
S.A. (b)	268.4	96.3	98.0	(a)	246.9	73.5	110.7	82.1	975.9
W.A.	310.9	54.7	152.6	—	169.6	97.7	175.3	124.5	1,085.3
Tas.	104.0	21.7	23.1	—	4.9	13.4	32.6	6.9	206.6
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	—	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	69.3	29.8	10.7	—	53.2	28.0	33.7	174.5	399.2

(a) Not available separately; included in 'wholesale finance'. (b) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

**FINANCE COMPANIES : OTHER TRANSACTIONS**  
(£ million)

Period	<i>Leasing of business plant and equipment</i>		<i>Bills of exchange</i>			<i>Liquidity placements</i>	<i>Loans to non-finance companies in group</i>
	<i>Value of goods newly leased during period</i>	<i>Value of all leasing agreements at end of period</i>	<i>Amounts paid for bills acquired during period</i>	<i>Amounts received for bills disposed of during period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>							
1975-76	1,016.4	1,923.8	4,179.6	4,057.4	658.6	334.2	259.5
1976-77	1,410.0	2,737.1	5,421.3	5,309.5	718.2	272.5	302.9
1977-78	1,789.2	3,785.5	6,443.1	6,277.5	842.6	299.6	317.4
1977-78 -							
Aug.	135.0	2,913.9	674.7	682.8	741.1	343.4	327.9
Sept.	132.6	2,967.6	637.0	644.2	734.0	284.5	341.6
Oct.	129.1	3,036.7	593.7	575.4	752.4	344.6	290.8
Nov.	142.7	3,146.4	484.2	477.8	717.9	376.7	301.1
Dec.	147.3	3,228.4	596.1	574.8	739.3	497.0	307.5
Jan.	112.4	3,267.1	488.6	513.7	714.2	500.5	348.2
Feb.	128.8	3,333.8	469.7	456.2	727.5	499.3	332.8
Mar.	153.3	3,409.6	411.3	460.6	678.2	540.5	358.0
Apr.	147.4	3,496.1	329.4	340.5	667.2	531.4	373.2
May	185.2	3,601.6	604.5	488.8	782.8	357.8	591.7
June	241.1	3,785.5	583.7	523.8	842.6	299.6	317.4
1978-79 -							
July	185.2	3,892.2	585.3	694.3	736.7	415.6	360.3
Aug.	182.9	3,990.9	515.2	530.0	723.1	315.6	295.8
Sept.	163.4	4,070.3	457.0	451.0	729.2	421.5	299.4
<b>STATES - AUGUST 1978</b>							
N.S.W.	61.4	1,293.3					
Vic.	54.0	1,201.4					
Qld	29.8	657.1					
S.A.(a)	14.4	333.8			Not available		
W.A.	17.7	371.1					
Tas.	3.1	67.6					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.5	66.6					
<b>STATES - SEPTEMBER 1978</b>							
N.S.W.	58.8	1,330.1					
Vic.	42.4	1,215.6					
Qld	28.3	669.1					
S.A.(a)	14.4	341.3			Not available		
W.A.	14.4	377.0					
Tas.	2.6	69.4					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.6	67.9					

(a) Northern Territory included in South Australia.



## PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : LOANS APPROVED DURING MONTH (\$'000)

Period	Construction of dwellings	To individuals for			Alterations and additions	Other purposes
		Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings	Total		
AUSTRALIA						
1977-78 -						
Dec.	17,939	21,804	87,226	126,969	2,461	4,194
Jan.	17,998	18,918	82,454	119,370	2,466	2,782
Feb.	17,324	22,536	93,788	133,648	2,632	3,314
Mar.	17,784	20,811	92,977	131,572	2,527	3,214
Apr.	19,275	20,237	87,085	126,597	2,258	5,613
May	21,285	24,634	101,224	147,143	2,624	6,078
June	21,717	23,517	92,075	137,309	2,903	5,973
1978-79 -						
July	23,382	24,552	97,986	145,920	3,034	6,225
Aug.	25,106	28,146	113,150	166,402	3,602	8,079
Sept.	22,492	27,904	110,312	160,708	3,604	4,317
Oct.	23,827	29,734	120,257	173,818	3,668	6,442
Nov.	27,118	30,907	133,103	191,128	3,635	6,612
Dec.	23,582	24,704	113,479	161,765	3,283	6,055
Jan.	22,850	27,121	118,778	168,749	3,576	6,785
STATES - JANUARY 1979						
N.S.W.	6,795	8,538	41,944	57,277	1,228	1,009
Vic.	3,507	7,747	26,550	37,804	425	1,611
Qld	2,760	5,068	18,170	25,998	390	798
S.A.	723	909	9,350	10,982	312	726
W.A.	8,402	2,380	17,926	28,708	938	2,450
Tas.	579	389	2,491	3,459	183	191
A.C.T. and N.T.	84	2,090	2,347	4,521	100	-

## PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : SUMMARY OF MONTHLY OPERATIONS (\$'000)

Period	Loans advanced during month to individuals	Cancellations during month of loans previously approved to individuals	Loans approved but not advanced at end of month to individuals	Amount owing by borrowers at end of month	Paid-up share capital at end of month	Other borrowings by Societies at end of month	
						Unsecured	Secured
AUSTRALIA							
1977-78							
Dec.	156,408	8,068	252,693	5,639,154	5,121,709	1,532,263	248,237
Jan.	94,844	6,731	273,484	5,695,420	5,217,341	1,565,408	247,451
Feb.	126,209	6,535	277,109	5,775,486	5,274,622	1,592,072	250,259
Mar.	131,299	6,891	273,005	5,845,324	5,270,306	1,579,230	272,859
Apr.	124,157	6,734	270,969	5,916,720	5,288,102	1,577,524	278,772
May	147,924	6,793	266,019	5,997,256	5,396,199	1,583,835	296,995
June	138,444	6,753	261,840	6,073,941	5,469,395	1,622,834	313,859
1978-79							
July	132,628	6,165	271,285	6,150,640	5,593,988	1,652,437	309,767
Aug.	149,755	6,350	300,209	6,240,237	5,708,423	1,704,676	306,434
Sept.	145,695	5,748	313,180	6,326,997	5,833,249	1,751,410	301,228
Oct.	157,601	7,689	325,369	6,426,669	5,977,230	1,804,974	296,586
Nov.	175,117	6,907	338,011	6,545,069	6,134,244	1,838,697	296,989
Dec.	175,574	6,152	322,397	6,642,251	6,257,360	1,905,991	290,738
Jan.	134,383	6,489	353,876	6,721,390	6,310,594	2,007,740	303,561
STATES - JANUARY 1979							
N.S.W.	42,062	2,898	159,440	2,659,652	3,409,908	63,824	89,903
Vic.	30,201	851	74,400	1,301,992	457,749	1,226,197	12,382
Qld	22,763	1,198	34,302	879,043	976,590	64,805	17,008
S.A.	9,843	417	13,096	328,382	384,050	9,572	16,490
W.A.	24,209	776	56,894	1,248,691	824,683	550,681	163,224
Tas.	1,785	175	8,969	128,209	127,896	41,941	965
A.C.T. and N.T.	3,520	174	9,756	175,421	129,718	90,720	33,589

## LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : NEW POLICIES ISSUED, PREMIUMS RECEIVED AND CLAIMS, ETC., PAID

Period	New policies issued (excluding annuities) (a)						Premiums received (b)			Claims, etc. paid (c)			New loans paid over (e)
	Ordinary business		Industrial business		Superannuation business (d)		Ordinary		Superannuation (d)	Ordinary		Superannuation (d)	
	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum	Sum	Number	Sum	Sum	Sum
	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	'000	\$m		\$m	\$m		\$m	\$m	\$m
1975-76	467.1	8,407.7	60.2	193.2	120.4	7,487.2	791.6	56.7	617.5	491.7	50.5	329.1	204.0
1976-77	468.8	10,167.2	51.7	186.8	117.7	8,093.1	804.3	55.9	703.5	545.0	55.6	403.5	257.8
1977-78	465.8	11,318.8	46.1	210.6	105.1	9,156.5	848.0	55.1	858.6	612.8	52.4	456.9	251.4
1977-78 -													
Aug.	45.3	1,041.0	5.2	19.4	11.3	745.2	68.1	4.8	58.8	52.0	5.6	37.7	20.4
Sept.	41.3	958.4	4.3	16.3	10.2	1,122.7	67.7	4.8	66.8	52.0	3.9	34.9	20.5
Oct.	39.6	944.7	5.0	19.8	8.6	670.3	65.4	4.3	64.2	47.2	5.5	32.3	19.8
Nov.	40.8	983.9	3.9	15.5	9.2	1,101.8	68.1	5.4	64.7	49.8	5.5	38.7	18.7
Dec.	38.0	1,085.2	2.3	9.0	4.6	982.7	66.6	7.3	65.0	46.9	4.1	40.5	22.5
Jan.	23.0	577.0	0.8	3.3	4.6	386.5	60.8	0.8	65.6	34.7	2.5	32.8	12.8
Feb.	32.4	844.3	3.4	17.8	6.9	491.8	64.4	4.6	73.8	45.3	3.6	34.3	19.3
Mar.	35.9	871.8	3.6	21.7	7.0	638.2	65.4	4.8	62.8	47.8	3.9	38.4	33.3
Apr.	39.9	922.7	3.7	21.7	8.2	640.4	68.6	4.0	106.2	48.2	3.9	33.4	20.6
May	44.8	1,051.5	5.1	27.5	9.1	775.6	79.9	4.5	79.9	61.3	4.9	44.4	21.1
June	44.2	1,105.8	3.9	20.2	10.1	829.7	93.3	4.8	79.1	73.7	4.2	42.2	22.5
1978-79													
July	41.6	1,048.4	4.2	22.1	9.0	1,019.4	77.5	4.0	78.4	59.8	4.1	59.5	20.8
Aug.	45.0	1,127.0	2.9	16.7	9.3	664.2	73.9	4.8	66.4	58.9	4.8	46.1	31.6
Sept.	43.0	1,053.3	2.9	17.1	10.0	1,081.8	69.5	3.9	72.4	54.4	4.7	40.2	23.2

(a) Relates to periods during which policies were recorded in company registers, which may be subsequent to periods in which written. (b) Includes consideration for annuities. (c) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (d) Includes investment-linked superannuation business. (e) Includes 'advances of premiums'.

## LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : SELECTED ASSETS HELD IN AUSTRALIA (a) BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES (\$ million)

At end of	Loans (b)					Investments			
	Fixed assets	On mortgage			Other	Govt. securities	Local and semi-govt. securities	Debentures and notes	Shares
		Housing	Other incl. rural	On policies					
June 1976	2,115.3	487.1	821.8	279.5	62.7	2,108.3	861.1	936.4	1,595.1
June 1977	2,364.6	499.8	795.8	287.7	77.5	2,327.8	908.9	915.1	1,791.9
June 1978	2,709.3	502.4	782.7	297.3	105.4	2,559.8	1,061.2	939.5	2,009.0
1976-77 -									
Mar.	2,336.5	495.9	806.3	280.9	69.7	2,276.6	898.5	927.5	1,751.6
June	2,364.6	499.8	795.8	287.7	77.5	2,327.8	908.9	915.1	1,791.9
1977-78 -									
Sept.	2,427.1	515.0	780.1	288.7	77.7	2,416.8	954.3	922.9	1,821.2
Dec.	2,573.2	505.4	792.5	292.0	85.4	2,507.8	995.5	920.2	1,901.4
Mar.	2,642.5	505.6	787.8	294.9	103.4	2,504.8	1,043.7	934.1	1,971.1
June	2,709.3	502.4	782.7	297.3	105.4	2,559.8	1,061.2	939.5	2,009.0

(a) Items shown are the balances according to the companies' ledgers as at the date at which the information was supplied without adjustment for any accrued or outstanding interest or other items which had not been brought into account as at that date. (b) Includes advances of premiums.

**HOUSING FINANCE : VALUE OF LOANS APPROVED TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS,  
BY TYPE OF LENDER - AUSTRALIA  
(\$'000)**

Month	Banks		Building societies		Finance companies	Government		Credit unions	Insurance companies	Total
	Savings	Trading	Perman-ent	Term-inating		Housing authorities	Other			
HOUSES										
1977-78 -										
Nov.	197,790	65,265	125,860	26,616	25,415	24,758	4,177	1,333	11,650	482,864
Dec.	141,583	39,230	110,439	19,386	22,095	20,923	2,765	1,003	10,075	367,499
Jan.	165,139	50,432	105,823	16,150	19,833	19,424	2,864	1,171	7,786	388,622
Feb.	171,819	60,927	118,196	18,436	22,968	21,353	3,064	2,199	11,631	430,593
Mar.	181,592	65,142	115,710	16,379	25,595	18,021	3,499	1,541	11,908	439,387
Apr.	167,375	53,559	113,978	19,346	25,035	15,297	3,184	1,631	11,437	410,842
May	198,440	62,733	130,155	20,466	29,513	17,437	4,253	2,028	13,386	478,411
June	165,698	50,390	123,745	13,546	28,518	15,854	3,732	1,946	10,562	413,991
1978-79 -										
July	165,248	52,492	129,462	8,958	27,129	14,558	2,726	3,356	12,842	416,771
Aug.	190,860	65,410	149,402	10,330	27,860	15,560	5,081	3,976	13,451	481,930
Sept.	193,409	58,058	143,078	7,486	26,265	14,651	4,105	4,076	13,192	464,320
Oct.	200,444	57,998	155,715	17,621	27,028	17,947	3,571	3,921	11,870	496,115
Nov.	223,602	72,216	171,904	28,244	27,369	16,618	3,892	4,619	11,856	560,320
Dec.	169,827	45,972	145,635	18,997	21,756	13,325	1,994	3,774	7,962	429,242
OTHER DWELLINGS										
1977-78 -										
Nov.	9,980	4,534	17,980	1,183	2,166	458	191	113	472	37,077
Dec.	7,579	3,012	16,530	824	2,620	804	126	271	371	32,137
Jan.	6,896	2,936	13,547	867	2,098	590	60	59	485	27,538
Feb.	11,099	4,127	15,452	1,081	1,709	722	268	263	468	35,189
Mar.	11,205	4,562	15,862	884	3,075	567	145	206	712	37,218
Apr.	9,607	3,596	12,619	937	2,942	720	130	94	763	31,408
May	11,502	5,623	16,988	1,071	2,308	868	268	224	1,005	39,857
June	9,914	3,492	13,564	936	2,578	500	169	197	2,791	34,141
1978-79 -										
July	9,866	4,982	16,458	491	2,375	730	27	288	1,034	36,251
Aug.	12,209	5,135	17,000	1,234	3,040	1,120	74	574	1,060	41,446
Sept.	10,984	4,675	17,630	673	3,433	804	203	383	698	39,483
Oct.	11,697	5,147	18,103	1,615	3,414	218	189	345	751	41,479
Nov.	12,612	6,140	19,224	1,756	4,221	171	73	281	679	45,157
Dec.	9,354	3,270	14,940	1,217	2,863	113	-	352	2,699	34,808
TOTAL										
1977-78 -										
Nov.	207,770	69,799	143,840	27,799	27,581	25,216	4,368	1,446	12,122	519,941
Dec.	149,162	42,242	126,969	20,210	24,715	21,727	2,891	1,274	10,446	399,636
Jan.	172,035	53,368	119,370	17,017	21,931	20,014	2,924	1,230	8,271	416,160
Feb.	182,918	65,054	133,648	19,517	24,677	22,075	3,332	2,462	12,099	465,782
Mar.	192,797	69,704	131,572	17,263	28,670	18,588	3,644	1,747	12,620	476,605
Apr.	176,982	57,155	126,597	20,283	27,977	16,017	3,314	1,725	12,200	442,250
May	209,942	68,356	147,143	21,537	31,821	18,305	4,521	2,252	14,391	518,268
June	175,612	53,882	137,309	14,482	31,096	16,354	3,901	2,143	13,353	448,132
1978-79 -										
July	175,114	57,474	145,920	9,449	29,504	15,288	2,753	3,644	13,876	453,022
Aug.	203,069	70,545	166,402	11,564	30,900	16,680	5,155	4,550	14,511	523,376
Sept.	204,393	62,733	160,708	8,159	29,698	15,455	4,308	4,459	13,890	503,803
Oct.	212,141	63,145	173,818	19,236	30,442	18,165	3,760	4,266	12,621	537,594
Nov.	236,214	78,356	191,128	30,000	31,590	16,789	3,965	4,900	12,535	605,477
Dec.	179,181	49,242	160,575	20,214	24,619	13,438	1,994	4,126	10,661	464,050

**SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET**  
**SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF AUTHORISED DEALERS AND RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS**  
 (Source: Reserve Bank of Australia)

Asset holdings (face value)													
Liabilities to clients			Commonwealth Government securities				Trading Banks certificates of deposit	Interest rates on loans accepted during month				Weighted average interest rates on loans outstanding (a)	
All Trading Banks	Other clients	Total	Treasury notes	Other	Total	At call		For fixed periods					
						Min.		Max.	Min.	Max.			
Average of weekly figures - \$ million											per cent per annum		
167.4	558.7	726.1	479.2	134.1	613.3	83.7	47.9	1.50	14.10	3.00	11.50	6.72	
182.3	636.1	818.4	53.3	696.4	749.7	129.2	61.3	2.00	14.00	4.50	9.50	8.03	
144.8	701.5	846.3	54.6	774.9	829.5	129.8	21.6	3.00	15.30	5.00	13.80	9.33	
184.8	963.7	1,148.5	46.2	1,069.2	1,115.4	137.0	14.5	2.00	18.85	4.00	14.00	8.99	
227.7	1,071.3	1,299.0	49.2	1,141.7	1,190.9	118.5	5.2	2.50	18.45	5.60	11.60	8.65	
220.3	1,149.8	1,370.1	78.4	1,201.4	1,279.8	114.1	6.1	1.00	18.80	3.00	11.10	8.32	
212.8	1,097.1	1,309.9	52.0	1,160.0	1,212.0	111.5	7.8	2.00	18.30	5.00	11.01	8.15	
239.1	1,009.2	1,248.3	94.9	1,046.8	1,141.7	115.2	6.5	1.00	17.80	2.50	10.80	7.84	
260.4	928.4	1,188.8	55.8	1,069.3	1,125.1	128.3	8.5	2.00	18.75	1.00	11.25	9.10	
190.9	1,088.5	1,279.4	57.9	1,085.6	1,143.5	153.5	15.8	0.50	18.86	3.00	11.50	9.05	
215.2	1,090.1	1,305.3	90.7	1,095.9	1,186.6	148.8	20.6	2.00	18.95	2.10	12.10	8.91	
259.5	1,041.8	1,301.3	179.8	1,036.9	1,216.7	160.6	17.1	2.00	18.65	6.60	11.65	9.09	
358.9	1,105.8	1,464.7	179.6	1,188.7	1,368.3	157.8	16.0	1.00	19.15	5.50	12.80	9.27	
280.1	1,209.3	1,489.4	92.6	1,303.4	1,396.0	139.7	17.7	1.50	19.65	3.60	12.91	9.74	
192.6	1,220.9	1,413.5	121.3	1,217.4	1,338.7	101.0	10.4	1.50	18.85	3.00	10.80	8.11	
188.5	1,140.3	1,328.8	151.8	1,129.1	1,280.9	107.4	18.0	3.00	16.35	4.61	11.60	8.39	
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(a) To June 1975, weighted average on clients' loans outstanding on each Wednesday of the month. From July 1975, weighted average of rates paid on all days of the four or five weeks ending on the last Wednesday of the month. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

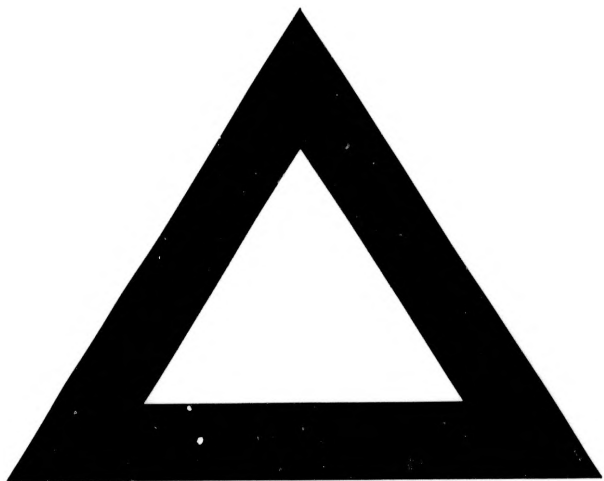
**OFFICIAL RESERVE ASSETS (a)**  
 (\$ million)

End of period	Gold	Special Drawing Rights	Reserve position in the I.M.F.	Foreign exchange			Total (b)	
				US \$	Other	Total	Original	Seasonally adjusted
June 1975	238	89	156	2,252	758	3,010	3,493	3,399
June 1976	749	37	155	1,457	688	2,145	3,086	3,023
June 1977	947	27	174	1,312	851	2,164	3,312	3,254
1977-78 -								
Oct.	1,061	25	174	874	865	1,739	3,000	3,029
Nov.	1,079	23	175	780	881	1,661	2,938	2,962
Dec.	1,076	23	177	683	919	1,603	2,879	2,898
Jan.	1,164	29	177	567	924	1,491	2,861	2,927
Feb.	1,199	135	179	481	953	1,435	2,948	2,939
Mar.	1,229	123	180	792	939	1,731	3,262	3,265
Apr.	1,180	122	179	827	925	1,747	3,229	3,172
May	1,193	120	179	730	960	1,690	3,182	3,139
June	1,225	113	179	727	982	1,708	3,225	3,183
1978-79 -								
July	1,250	114	181	746	1,002	1,748	3,293	3,238
Aug.	1,370	112	184	626	1,023	1,649	3,315	3,353
Sept.	1,403	113	184	544	1,031	1,575	3,274	3,300
Oct.	1,463	116	189	539	1,023	1,561	3,328	3,356
Nov.	1,387	110	186	581	962	1,543	3,226	3,250

(a) Up to 30 June 1974, SDR and IMF credit tranche are valued on the basis of Australia's official parity established with the IMF; subsequent figures are based on the IMF basket valuation for the SDR, which is published in terms of U.S. dollars, crossed with the representative rate for the Australian dollar in terms of the U.S. dollar. Gold is valued at the Reserve Bank buying price up to the end of January 1976; from February 1976 to end May 1976 gold is valued at the IMF official price in SDR's converted to Australian dollars at the derived SDR/\$A rate; subsequently, the basis of valuation is the average London gold price for the month, converted to Australian dollars at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. Since June 1973, the foreign currency value of all other overseas assets has been based, where applicable, on market quotations; accrued interest is normally taken into account; figures for earlier periods are on a historical cost basis. Conversion to Australian dollar equivalent is based on market rates of exchange. (b) Changes in the value of holdings of official reserve assets reflect both balance of payments transactions and valuation effects arising from changes in exchange rates.

**COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT SHORT-TERM DEBT AND BANK BALANCES**  
(\$ million)

<i>End of period</i>	<i>Treasury bills</i>	<i>Treasury notes</i>	<i>Bank balances</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>End of period</i>	<i>Treasury bills</i>	<i>Treasury notes</i>	<i>Bank balances</i>	<i>Total</i>
June -					1977-78 -				
1975	..	2,076.0	765.0	1,311.0	June	1,500.0	363.1	339.2	1,523.9
1976	850.0	456.4	469.4	837.1	1978-79 -				
1977	1,300.0	369.6	442.0	1,227.6	July	2,000.0	516.5	205.7	2,310.8
1977-78 -					Aug.	1,800.0	763.8	142.7	2,421.1
Dec.	2,900.0	560.6	127.2	3,333.4	Sept.	2,200.0	803.0	211.7	2,791.3
Jan.	2,900.0	789.2	61.4	3,627.8	Oct.	2,700.0	816.4	127.9	3,388.5
Feb.	2,800.0	989.2	53.0	3,736.2	Nov.	2,200.0	1,122.0	192.90/D	3,514.9
Mar.	3,300.0	979.0	135.9	4,143.1	Dec.	1,800.0	1,247.5	892.50/D	3,940.0
Apr.	2,400.0	777.2	71.7	3,105.5	Jan.	2,600.0	1,875.7	129.8	4,345.9



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